## Buoyant '95 Is Forecast For Richest Economies

By Alan Friedman

PARIS — The world's 25 nebest nations can look forward to a buoyant and prosperous 1995, with economic growth improving from 2.8 percent this year to a solid 3 percent and inflation not a problem next year since it should average about 2.3 percent, according to an authoritative report issued on Tuesday.

The main item marring this otherwise rosy forecast, issued Tuesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development bere, was a reminder that economic growth on its own will not solve Europe's persisting jobs crisis.

The average unemployment rate among European OECD members is forecast to decline only slightly, from 11.6 percent this year to 11.3 percent in 1995. By 1996, unemployment among European member nations will still be 10.9 percent, the

France, with a 12.6 percent jobless rate today, will continue to have the highest unemployment rate of any OECD country—12.3 percent in 1995 and 11.7 percent in

In general terms, the semiannual report left no doubt that "economic prospects for the OECD area are at present better than they have been for several years."

It added that recovery had "spread to all major regions."

But, ecboing the warnings of many busioess leaders and economists, the OECD also stressed that the global recovery should be seen as "a golden opportunity" for governments to carry out politically unpopular structural reforms, such as cutting fiscal deficits by rolling back the welfare state and deregulating labor markets.

The report also urged that central banks keep potential inflation at bay by way of a "prudent management of monetary policy," which is a polite way of saying that interest rates should be raised where economic growth seems in danger of fueling inflation.

These were among the other highlights of the 127-page report:

· Growth in the United States will slow from 3.9 percent this year to 3.1 percent in 1995 and 2.0 percent in 1996, but the United States will probably avoid recession. Since the U.S. economy ning at nearly full capacity, the Federal Reserve should not hesitate to raise interest rates if needed to staunch inflation.

This view comes amid increasing concern among some economists and government officials that the Fed could go beyoud cooling the economy and trigger a mild recession by 1996 if it raises interest rates too much. The Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee met Tuesday for its final interest rate review of 1994, but

did not announce any changes. (Page 10)

The Japanese economy, still experiencing only a weak recovery and 1994 growth of just 1 percent, will achieve 2.5 percent in 1995 and 3.4 percent in 1996. Tokyo's current account will rise from \$140 billion this year to \$145 billion in

• Germany, the most important economy in Europe, will experience a "robust" recovery in its western regions and an increasingly broad-based" improvement in its castern states. Inflation is expected to decline from 2.3 percent in 1994 to 2.0 percent next year and then rise to 2.2 percent in 1996.

• France will enjoy growth of more than 3 percent in 1995 and 1996, but its budget See FORECAST, Page 6



SHOOTING NEAR WHITE HOUSE - A videotape showing policemen before they shot a man who reportedly brandished a knife on Tuesday. Page 3.

# Yielding, Intel to Replace Flawed Pentium Chip

By Lawrence Malkin nternational Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — Trying to recover from a marketing miscalculation, Intel Corp. yielded to public pressure Tuesday and began offering free replacements for the flawed Pentium microprocessor that serves as the brains for the latest personal computer models produced world-

Errors made by the Pentium in rarely used loogdivisioo problems were discovered last July by engineers for the world's largest chipmaker, but, as a spokesman ruefully admitted Tuesday, they were not publicized because we didn't believe it was an issue then, and we still don't believe it's an issue for most users."

In a coincidental demonstration of the the problems In a coincidental demonstration of the the problems facing high-technology manufacturers in consumer markets, Microsoft Corp. announced Tuesday a delay until at least August for shipping its new Windows 95 operating software, which is just as essential as the Pentium chip in increasing the speed and sophistication of personal computers, (Page 9)

Jerry Michaelski, managing editor of the computer magazine Release 1.0, has dubbed it "Windows 96" because he suspects Microsoft will not have the bursout

because he suspects Microsoft will not have the bugs out of it until 1996.

On Wall Street, the two announcements have shaken up the entire technology sector. Microsoft stock fell \$2.75, to \$59.875, because investors had counted on revenues from the oew program. But Intel stock rose \$3.44, to \$61.25, because the company was seen as finally confronting its problems even though the cost of replacement chips will cut earnings; the stock had slipped as low as \$58.625 on Thursday.

Intel had resisted requests to replace the flawed Pentium with an improved version until a mathematician at a small Virginia college discovered mistakes in his own arcane calculations of prime numbers last month and later verified them by publicly checking with colleagues on the computer Internet. Even then the company initially said that it would only offer new chips to such users as

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## Berlusconi Nearing the Brink Of a Parliamentary Showdown

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

ROME - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is approaching a final show-down with his adversaries that will determine — possibly Wednesday and certainly within days — whether be clings to power.

The climax of Mr. Berlusconi's battle against open revolt by his Northern League coalition partner will begin when he addresses Parliament on Wednesday. Thereafter, the timing of events is as uncertain as the nation's

A senior Berlusconi aide, Giuliano Ferrara, forecast a confidence vote after the prime minister's speech on Thursday or Friday, but Deputy Prime Minister Giuseppe Tatarella, a member of the neo-Fascist National Alliance, which supports Mr. Berlusconi, said the gov-ernment would quit earlier.

"The government will resign tomorrow," he said on television on Tuesday

Mr. Ferrara, the government spokesman, said it was "highly probable" that Mr. Berlusconi would seek on Wednesday to preempt three no-confidence motions presented to Parliament by his adversaries and, instead, demand a vote of confidence in his government.

"If the confidence motion fails, the government will obviously resign," said Mr. Ferrara, who holds ministerial rank in the Berlusconi government. From the way Mr. Berlusconi and his aides are talking, it is as if they view their rearguard action this week as much as the

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## A Grozny resident salvaging a pot from her home, ruined in bombing Tuesday.

## Cease-Fire Plan Is in Place, Carter Says

nounced an agreement Tuesday between the warring parties in Bosnia to begin a nationwide cease-fire on Friday and stop fighting for at least four months.

He also brought the Muslim-led Bosnian government and the Bosnian Serbs closer than they have been for six months to siting down again at a table and trying to negotiate a comprehensive peace settle-ment. Although slight differences re-mained over the basis for these talks, it appeared that they might begin early next

But the durability of the cease-fire, the

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since the war began in 1992, and the even-mal success of the peace negotiations re-mained open to question in that none of the deep differences between Muslims and Serbs that caused the war have been re-

These differences center on whether Bosnia should remain a single state or be dismembered and what territory each side

After three days of hectic shuttle diplomacy between Sarajevo and the nearby Bosnian Serbian stronghold of Pale, Mr. Carter read a statement saying there was an accord on the "implementation of a nationwide cease-fire within 72 hours, in-cluding monitoring by United Nations

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latest of more than 30 to be announced since the war began in 1992, and the eventual success of the peace negotiations remained open to question in that none of mained open to question in that none of confrontation."

He said that negotiations would begin Friday to build the cease-fire into a "total cessation of bostilities" that would last for four months "or for a longer period if mutually agreed by both parties." The negotiations are due to end by Jan. 1.

We have an agreement from both parties on a four-month cease-fire," he said.

The essential difference between a cease-fire and a cessation of hostilities is that troops would pull back some distance from the current front lines and allow United Nations troops to be put between them where necessary. How this is done will be discussed by generals from the rival

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# Deep in China, a Salute to U.S. General

## **Germany Willing** To Aid a Pullout

BONN (Reuters) - The German government, breaking a half-century-old taboo on sending combat forces abroad, pledged on Tuesday to sup-port NATO if United Nations peacekeepers have to quit Bosnia.

Government officials said Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet had agreed to offer Tornado fighter-bombers, logistical support and medical person-nel, if Parliament approves.

Book Review

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

CHONGQING, China - General Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of U.S. forces in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II, has made a return of sorts to this wartime capital. Communist Party authorities in this city, formerly Chung-king have evicted the workers of a small factory that makes steel rims for motorcycle wheels to set up a museum to the American officer who struggled from 1942 to 1944 to get Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army to fight the Japanese, not

the Chinese Communists. "He detested the corrupt and incompetent government of old China and hated the Kuomintang for fighting the Communists," the exhibition declares.

The Kuomintang or Nationalist Party, was the political foundation of Generalissimo Chiang's war effort, but its battlefield inertia and prodigious corruption were sources of constant exasperation in General Stilwell's headquarters, a stone house set on a cliff overlooking the Jialing River.

"The crux of it," General Stilwell once wrote, was that "they

just don't want to get ready to fight."

He was formally chief of staff to the generalissimo. But today, the Communist Party authorities in Chongoing and in Beijing have embraced General Stilwell as an intellectual and soldier with a strong affection for the Chinese people who was willing to open a dialogue with Mao Zedong's Communists if that would help win the war.

Though the museum was formally opened in October during the visit by Defense Secretary William J. Perry, there appear to have been few if any Chinese visitors. Indeed, the museum has no bours of operation, and the door remains locked except when Americans or other foreigners arrange with municipal officials

Finding the remnants of the once-extensive American presence here requires a diligent search, for the city is a maze of winding roads on a rocky promontory at the confluence of the

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## Refugees Flee Rebel Capital As Russians Step Up Raids

Chechen Leader Shows No Sign of Wavering Despite 'Mass Killing'

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW — Russian troops stepped up the pressure Tuesday on the breakaway Chechen Republic, with bombing raids on the capital, Grozny, and ground assaults on its ontskirts that left key buildings aflame, many people killed and injured and sent thousands of refugees pouring from the city.

The Russian assault was the most intensive one yet and appeared to be part of an effort to tighten a noose around Grozny without having troops try to enter it, a move that many warn would provoke a

bloody street-by-street battle. Russian officials asserted Tuesday that Russian officials asserted fliesday that Grozny, where the Chechen leader Dzhokar Dudayev and his armed supporters have dug in, was a "city in panic," with many Chechen fighters fleeing to take up positions in nearby hills. The Russians promised a continuation of "decisive offensive actions.

Mr. Dudayev accused the Russians of "mass killing of peaceful citizens — chil-dren, women and old people," according to the official Russian press agency, Itar-

Mr. Dudayev, a former Soviet Air Force general, showed no signs of wavering in his determination to fight to the end against a

Nikolai D. Yegorov, President Boris N. Yeltsin's coordinator for the Chechen crisis; predicted Tuesday that Russian troops would surround Grozny during the day.

Russian officials have predicted Grozoy's imminent encirclement and isolation for a week now. But a combination of raw and foggy weather, opposition to the Chechen operation by some Russian troops and stiff resistance by unarmed civilians have repeatedly proved the predictions false and could do so again.

Indeed, the Russian onslaught was not without its problems Tuesday. Checheo rocket launchers, shot down a Russian belicopter during heavy fighting around the village of Petropavlovskaya, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) oortheast of Grozny. The three soldiers on board were killed, the Interfax news agency reported.

The agency also reported that, despite government assertions that Russian ground forces were advancing on Grozny from all directions, tank columns in the east and west had not changed their posi-

[Russia said it was closing its borders with Georgia and Azerbaijan to prevent the movement of rebel fighters in Chechnya, Reuters reported. A Foreign Ministry statement carried by Itar-Tass said that, starting at midnight Tuesday, only residents of Russia who were returning home would be allowed to cross land borders with the two former Soviet republics, and that movement of goods or other people would be halted indefinitely.]

Russia opened its military assault on Chechnya on Dec. 11 to bring the rebellious, mostly Muslim republic back into the fold. As many as 40,000 Russian troops, backed by tanks and fighter planes, have been mustered for the assault on

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## The Kremlin's No-Win Battle **Over Chechnya**

By Fred Hiatt Washington Past Service
MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yelt-

sin's attempt to subdue the breakaway region of Chechnya has become a major military embarrassment for him and his high command, marked by battlefield fail-

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ures, mutinous officers and a constantly widening credibility gap, according to Russian and Western analysts.

As the military action unfolds, evidence has surfaced of the Russian Army's low readiness, lack of training, beggarly supplies and poor coordination, according to these analysts. It has become apparent that many of the troops — from generals to soldiers — oppose the military operation, often with remarkable openness.

But even more than the soldiers in Chechnya's cold and muddy fields, analysts said, the senior leadership in Moscow is to blame for underestimating the military challenge, overpromising Russia's ability to cope with it and then seeking to cover up the truth.

"The question is why the military actions have started now, at the least appropriate time from a military point of view," said Dmitri Ostalsky, chief editor of the liberal newspaper Sevodnya. "This is the main question. But there are many other questions as well."

No one doubts that the Russian armed

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# Bosnian Serb Wants a Revamped Peace Plan

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PALE. Bosnia-Herzegovina - The Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, has set out his ideas for radical changes to an Americanbacked international peace plan in a memorandum of understanding with former President Jimmy Carter.

The memorandum, displayed during an interview with Mr. Karadzic, contains five points that would, if applied, involve a substantial recasting of the "Contact Group" map accepted in July by the Bosnian government.

Although formulated in the context of a loose Bosnian union consisting of a Muslim-Croatian entity and a Serbian entity, the application of the memorandum would open the way for an eventual partition of Bosnia by dividing Sarajevo into two cities and making each territorial unit compact

and economically viable. The five points in the memorandum are: the transformation of Sarajevo into two cities; "natural and defensible" frontiers for the Serbian and the Muslim-Croatian units; equal distribution of natural resources and infrastructure; the economic viability of the two entities, and access to the sea for the Bosnian Serbs.

"The current Contact Group map," Mr. Karadzic. said, "gives us 30 percent of the wealth of Bosnia. We must get 50 percent. The map cuts our territory into Serbian enclaves and gives the Muslims continuity. We hoth need compact, contiguous land,"

In effect, the memorandum seeks to lay the groundwork for the Bosnian Serbs' longsought goal of definitive sepa-ration from the Bosnian Mus-

Most of the Serbs who accounted for one-third of the prewar Bosnian population never wanted to be part of an independent Bosnia. A long war has only deepened this rejection, although Mr. Karadzic made it clear that he would be prepared to enter a loose Bosnian union, at least temporarily, "if that allows the international community to save

Thus, the "natural and defensible frontiers" referred to in the memorandum clearly mean an end to the small Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia that Mr. Karadzic said were "totally nonviable."

The equal distribution of resources means the allocation of many more cities to the Serbs than envisaged in the Contact Group map. The Contact Group countries are the United States, Russia,

Britain, France and Germany. The division of Sarajevo, Bosnian Scrbian access to the sea and economie viability for each ethnie unit are essential preconditions for a final division of Bosnia, which Mr. Karadzic said could take place in about two years "assuming the Serbs vote to leave an eventual Bosnian union."

The Muslim-led Bosnian government of President Alija Izethegovie is committed, territorial integrity of Bosnia within its internationally recognized borders. It talks of "liberating" Bosnia from the Serbs, without defining what

It therefore appears certain that the ideas in the memoran-



President Izetbegovic, left, and Mr. Carter after talks Tuesday in Sarajevo.

trust within the Bosnian government, especially as it be minor. accepted the original Contact It also Group map —offering 51 per-cent of Bosnia to the Muslim-

basis that any changes would flounder on precisely the basic points that have blocked myri-It also seems that all the ad previous negotiations: the frenetic recent diplomacy in allocation of territory and Bosnia including Mr. Carter's whether or not Bosnia should Croatian federation and 49 visit, may just set the stage for remain a single state within its percent to the Serbs—on the new peace talks that will present borders.

## **UN Commanders Agree on Sharpening Troops' Effectiveness**

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

THE HAGUE — Top military commanders of the United Nations, NATO, and nations contributing to the UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia said they had agreed Tuesday on measures to strengthen its effectiveness, come peace or more war.

Their recommendations included proposals to increase its size from 24,000 now and to provide it with new transport helicopters and aircraft, with armed escorts provided by NATO, to enable the UN force to get supplies through by air when its convoys are blocked on the ground.

High-ranking military officers from 14 NATO countries, including the United States, said they had agreed with officials from Russia and 13 other governments contributing to the UN force on mea-

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sures to strengthen its ability to help civilian victims and encourage a political settlement.

Lieutenant General Bertrand de Lapresle of France, the overall commander of UN forces in the former Yngoslavia, made some of the proposals and said he backed all of them. They would make the UN operations less vulnerable to military coercion by Bosnian Scrbs, who have often blocked its supply convoys, and other parties to the conflict.

General John M. Shalikashvili, head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, took part in the two-day meeting and was part of its consensus on additional measures, but U.S. officials said that no American soldiers would join the UN force.

"The meeting's specific recommendations cover various steps for improving the capabilities, effectiveness and the freedom of movement of the United

Nations Protection Force and reducing its vulnerability," the generals said in a communique after their two-day meeting ended.

None of the recommendations was revealed in detail. But General Henk van den Breemen of The Netherlands, the meeting's host, said, "We talked about air mobility, transport helicopters and aircraft and armed escort helicopters when road access is denied. If you look at all the proposals, the conse-quences could be more people."

The generals said they had also discussed regroup ing some units to make them stronger, and had talked at length about a French proposal to establish a protected ground route from the Croatian port of

Split to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo through a 16-kilometer stretch controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.

## BOSNIA: Carter Says Factions Agree to Cease-Fire and New Negotiations Anti-Semitic

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The United Nations has long been convinced that only such a cessation of hostilities would provide a chance of stopping the fighting for longer than the

enclave of Bihac, which has been under attack by the Serbs for more than a month.

The former president was

many past cease-fires that have quickly frayed and collapsed.

Mr. Carter said the cease-fire included the western Muslim able to break a long deadlock in Bosnia by going directly to the Bosnian Serbs, expressing some included the western Muslim sympathy for their position and more freedom to hand out blan-

offering considerable flexibility in future negotiations on the socalled "contact group" plan rejected by the Serbs last July. This plan offers 51 percent of tion, whose overriding aim at Bosnia to a Muslim-Croatian this point is to get the warring

federation and 49 percent to the parties into a serious peace ne-Serbs, who would have to give gotiation. up about a third of the territory they now hold.

dishments and pose for the cameras with Mr. Karadzic. But his visit was closely coordinated with the Clinton administra-

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BONN - Anti-Semitic attacks hy neo-Nazis and other far rightists have soared in the first nine months of 1994, government figures made public on

Tuesday showed. Bonn said that 937 attacks directed at Jews or Jewish property had been recorded by the federal police agency BKA up to the end of September.

The government, which provided the information in response to a question in Parliament by the Party of Democratic Socialism, the former Communists, did not give comparative figures for last

But anti-Semitie offenses for the whole of 1993 totaled only 656, according to figures re-leased in May by Interior Min-ister Manfred Kanther.

The rise in anti-Semitic crimes while racist offenses appear to be declining backs up a warning that Mr. Kanther ing from attacking foreigners to targeting Jews.

More than 30 people have been killed since far-right violence surged after German uni-fication in 1990. Most of the der and said investigations of victims have been foreigners.

But the center-right coalition of Chancellor Helmut Kohl stole the thunder of racist groups in July 1993 by cracking down on a flood of foreign asylum-seekers.

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## the repatriation of the pilot and related issues.

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WASHINGTON - Secre-

tary of State Warren M. Chris-

topher warned North Korea on

Tuesday that further delay in

Washington and affect rela-

We have indicated that a

further delay here in returning

the pilot and the remains of the

co-pilot would be of great con-

cern to us and would affect the

atmosphere in which we've

been hoping to improve our re-

lations with North Korea," he

told reporters.
The U.S. Army helicopter

was downed in still unexplained

training flight last Saturday. Mr. Christopher sidestepped

with a landmark agreement

with Pyongyang to reconstruct

is nuclear industry if Washing-

ton did not get prompt satisfac-tion over the helicopter inci-dent. "We've not reached that

point yet," he said.
The secretary of state, at a

year-end session with reporters,

said that as far as he knew the North Koreans had given no

reason for the delay in return-

ing the surviving pilot and the

place in a rather remote area

some distance from Pyongyang and where the transportation is not very good," he said.

On the Korean Peninsula, North Korean and U.S. mili-

der meeting Tuesday to discuss

of the incident or the pilot's

possible repatriation, a U.S.

military spokesman said.
"Our side asked for a prompt return of the helicopter and its

crew," the spokesman said. "The North Koreans withheld

any immediate response and said information concerning

the incident will be made avail-

able once an investigation is

The two sides, he said, expect

North Korea said it shot

to meet again soon to discuss

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the two fliers.

The talks on Tuesday, at-tended by two middle-level officers from each side, were the first formal discussions of the incident between the two sides.

Representative William B. Mexico, has been in Pyongyang negotiating for the release of the surviving crewman and the repatriation of the other crewman's body.

The Yonhap news agency in South Korea quoted a North Korean diplomat at the United Nations as saying that Pyong-yang would release the pilot if the incident stemmed from a navigation error. "Isn't it natural to return the pilot if it is confirmed" the helicopter "entered the airspace because of a deviation from the flight

route?" the diplomat said. A U.S. defense official said that the OH-58 reconnaissance helicopter mistakenly crossed made then that neo-Nazis over the border Saturday and groups were increasingly turn- that the crew members thought they were still in South Korea minutes before they went down.

The Pentagon announced immediate restrictions on all U.S. helicopter training and navigation aids had been ordered.

Yonhap quoted the North Korean diplomat as saying North Korean forces shot down the helicopter after the crew ignored warning shots.

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# WORLD BRIEFS

## Shiite Unrest Mars Bahrain Summit

- Nound andishing 1 MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Shiite Muslims, upset over the arrest of a cleric, rioted Tuesday not far from where leaders of Gulf countries were discussing ways to combat Islamic fundamen-

White H taism.

The police set up barricades on Tuesday in Manama and used tear gas to contain the riot. Unrest first broke two weeks ago after the arrest of the Shite cleric, Sheikh Ali Salman, on Dec. 5. He was arrested for having sent the emir a demand for the restoration

of Parliament, which has been suspended since 1975.

Access was blocked to the sector of Manama where leaders of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began a three-day summit meeting Monday. Witnesses also reported clashes overnight in Shiite-dominated villages outside Manama. Opposition groups in returning the pilot of a crashed helicopter and his dead colexile assert that seven people, including three police officers, have been killed since the unrest began, and hundreds have been detained. The government says one police officer has been killed league would seriously concern and several people have been arrested.

## Another French Socialist Says 'No'

PARIS (Reuters) - Another potential Socialist candidate for the French presidency, Pierre Mauroy, declined Tuesday to run.

Mr. Mauroy, 67, prime minister from 1981 to 1984 and current
president of the Socialist International, said in a television interview that he wanted to devote more time to his job as mayor of -

Mr. Mauroy's name was raised after the favorite, Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, dismayed the left by announcing on Dec. 11 he would not enter the race. Another is potential leftist candidate, former Prime Minister Michel Rocard. circumstances after straying into North Korea during a refused to run last week. Polls show that a former culture minister, Jack Lang is now the only Socialist with a prospect of reaching the run-off second ballot of the election in May.

#### a question over whether the United States should proceed Hong Kong Wants 'Boat People' Out

Hong Kong Wants Boat People Unit

Hong Kong (AFP) — Vietnam has agreed to hold talks with ... P

Britain next month on the repatriation of all Vietnamese refugees being held in Hong Kong before China takes over the colony in 1997, officials said Thesday.

The meeting is scheduled for Hanoi in mid-January, according to Hong Kong officials quoted by the government-run Radio Television Hong Kong.

The requests for talks came after the Hong Kong government recently freed about 240 "boat people" after Vietnam refused to allow the refugees back into the country. The release was widely condemned in Hong Kong, and legislators passed a motion calling on London to resettle the remaining refugees in Britain. About 27,000 Vietnamese are still in detention camps.

## body of his colleague. "The only thing that's been offered by way of explanation at all is that the accident took **Pro-Life Murderer Hoping to Die**

STARKE Florida (AP) - Paul Hill, the abortion foe sentenced to death for the shotgun slayings of a doctor and another man outside an abortion clinic, said Tuesday that he hoped he would ... be executed because "I can save more people dead than alive."

The 40-year-old former minister said he would not appeal, although his death sentence will automatically be reviewed by tary officers held a fruitless bor-"I'm not hoping that this conviction is overturned," he said. "To be quite frank with you, I am hoping that it will be upheld and that I will be executed." He has portrayed himself as a martyr,

saying the killing of doctors who perform abortions is divinely

## ing at Panmunjom on the inter-Korean border, the North Ko-reans refused to discuss details British-Irish Talks to Resume in '95

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister John Major and the newly elected Irish prime minister, John Bruton, agreed Tuesday to revive the search for peace in Northern Ireland after a monthlong political vacuum in Dublin.

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Mr. Bruton and Mr. Major decided that mid-level officials and then foreign ministers would meet in early January to try to surmount obstacles to all-party talks in the province. Mr. Major said he welcomed early talks with the new Irish leader, who was elected last Thursday after the downfall of Albert Reynolds.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

## down the helicopter over its ter- Holiday Strikes Set at Greek Airports

ATHENS (Renters) - Ground staff at Greek airports will hold capturing Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hail. The Pentagon has not been all the Pentagon has not b Vassilis Alevizopoulos, president of the civil aviation union,

said the stoppage would mainly affect the Athens airport. He said : he expected hundreds of flights to be canceled during the strikes. scheduled for Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31.

Mr. Alevizopoulos said 2,700 government-employed ground staff responsible for most airport operations opposed the government's plans to force civil aviation to operate according to private "

## Richardson, Democrat of New French Airports Face Disruptions

PARIS (Reuters) — Several unions from Air Inter, the French domestic carrier, said Tuesday that they planned to strike during the holiday travel season.

Four unions representing Air Inter ground crews and pilots filed notices that they plan to strike at various times between Friday and Monday. A fifth union, representing Paris airport workers who service foreign airliners, said it would strike between Thursday and Saturday.

Workers called off a wildcat strike Tuesday against the Norwe-gian state railroad NSB, allowing rail traffic to return to normal in time for the Christmas rush. Austria got its first significant snow of the winter Tuesday to the

relief of resorts that were alarmed as green slopes persisted during the mildest December since 1917. More snow was predicted for resorts in the Tyrol over the next few days. Chinese train fares will rise 30 percent before the spring, the . government said, a further sign of the government's losing battle

against inflation, Beijing reports said. On Rio's beaches, Brazilian Army troops are being deployed to protect visitors from petty crime, a military source said. The soldiers, clad in combat fatigues, will police Copacabana, Ipanema and other areas to combat armed petry robbers known as the combat arms.

A resort near Indonesia's killer volcano has recopened, Indonesian authorities said. The Kaliuran Hill Resort was closed last month after a volcanie eruption at nearby Mount Merapi in central Java killed 60 people, Antara said.

Hong Kong's Kai Tak Airport hopes to maximize its capacity to cope with an increase in demand for flight slots, the civil aviation department said, by increasing use of the runways during early morning and late evening periods. Utilization of these slots has been restricted because of complaints about noise from people living close to the airport.

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Side of the White House from

The Secret Service said Mon-

day that the hullets came from

"a great distance" away and

that investigators had found no

conclusive evidence that the

presidential mansion was a tar-

day had threatened park police-

men earlier, according to one

witness. Wade Varner, 37, said

the man had been roused out of

bed on Monday morning by

park policemen and had shout-

ed, "I'm going to get you!"

Major Hines said an officer

patrolling the public sidewalk in front of the White House saw

the man running toward him

and carrying a knife. The offi-

A backup Park Police officer

quickly arrived and warned the

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Edward John DeBartolo, a

Mr. DeBartolo built his first

shopping mall in 1948 in

Youngstown and went on to build more than 200 others in

space in the nation last year. Besides real estate, Mr. De-

Bartolo and his family bought the San Francisco 49ers foot-

owned three horse racing

tracks, and recently began de-

veloping riverboat gaming casi-

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cause of the ozone hole above Antarctica,

NASA scientists say. They cited three years of

• A judge forbade for 10 more days the appli-

cation of Oregon's new law legalizing assisted suicide. The federal judge said he would de-cide within that time whether to enjoin the

law, which was approved by voters on Nov. 8

and would permit doctors to prescribe a lethal

injection to terminally ill patients who re-

A former Postal Service accounting supervi-sor pleaded guilty in Providence, Rhode Is-land, to stealing \$3.5 million in what officials

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• The victim of a drive-by shooting is entitled

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White House gate. (AP, WP)

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# **Brandishing Knife** Near White House

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Two tourists wrestled the man WASHINGTON - In the to the ground. third shooting incident near the White House in two months, a Francisco Martin Duran, 26, an homeless man hrandishing a upholsterer from Colorado knife was shot twice hy police Springs. He was indicted on 15 officers on Tuesday as he stood outside the building, the police and witnesses said.

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The man, one of a group of people who stay in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House, was identified as Marcelino Corniel, 33.

Mr. Clinton was in the Oval Office when the incident occurred at 9 A.M. He was never threatened, the police said.

A videotape of the shooting showed at least four police officers standing several feet in front of Mr. Corniel, pointing their guns. Mr. Corniel was standing relatively still with a knife in his bands when one of the officers advanced toward him and fired twice.

Major Robert Hines of the U.S. Park Police said the shooting appeared to be justified.

"If somebody is brandishing a knife, it is justified to shoot him," he said. "The officer feared for his safety, so he shot

Mr. Corniel was wounded cer tried to detain the man, he once in the chest and once in the right leg and was in critical condition, according to a George Washington University suspect two or three times to Hospital official.

The incident is the third involving gunshots near the White House since late Octo-

On Oct, 29, a man peppered the north side of the White House with 29 rounds fired from a semiautomatic weapon.

Police Wound Man Leaner Government? Powerful Interests Will Have Nays By John H. Cushman Jr.

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the Republicans in the race to cuts, which is virtually certain and would realize savings at close one of the national laboratories when the high-priority projects by being tories where other physics re-

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WASHINGTON - Senior administration officials have conceded that there are many potential obstacles to the hudget cuts in energy, transportation and bousing programs an-nounced by President Bill The Secret Service arrested

The plan to reshape, abolish or sell off scores of federal procounts, including the attempted grams, outlined by Mr. Clinton assassination of the president, on Monday, is a first step toward financing his proposed tax hreaks for the middle class and remaining competitive with

Mr. Clinton said that his pro-

about where to cut have been production. handed down hy the White House, there are many decisions yet to come on exactly where and how to cut.

Some of the proposals would end programs that have strong advocates in Congress and in industry. Indeed, some of the reductions have been proposed in the past, only to be rejected. One of the biggest proposed

details become known, is in the posals would yield \$24 hillion in savings over five years.

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> Of the \$10.6 billion the Energy Department has proposed to cut, \$4.4 billion is in its environmental budget. Environmental groups said such cuts would mean the department would fall billions of dollars shon of the amount that must be spent 10

meet ohligations. But officials said they would delay only low-risk programs more efficient, not by delaying

Another \$1.2 billion of the cuts in the Energy Department would come in its applied research programs, some of which have powerful constituencies. While officials said Monday

that the agency would definitely

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search is done.

In the Department of Hous-ing and Urban Development, Secretary Henry G. Cisneros produced a plan to streamline the agency but not a proposal that would result in significant savings.

At two briefings with reponhalt its extensive research into ers on Monday, he detailed a burning coal more cleanly, they could not say whether the department would also stop paying for research into nuclear fu-sion, an exouc potential energy source, or whether it would tions and provide residents in

the country's 1.4 million public housing units with vouchers 10 pay for homes provided by either the public sector or the private sector.

Mr. Cisneros said that the

restructuring would save the housing agency about \$800 million over five years, slightly more than I percent of the \$60 billion the Clinton administration hopes to find in spending cuts to finance its middle-class tax breaks.

The secretary said that a number of the changes had been contemplated for several months and did "not emerge from thin air." But he acknowledged that the results of elections last month and the administration's heightened desire to streamline government accelerated the process.

At the Transportation Department, the administration wants to save \$6.7 hillion in the next five years, slightly more than 3 percent of the \$200 bil-lion the department had intend-

ed to spend during that period. The precise cuts will not be announced until Mr. Clinton submits his budget in Fehruary. They will reduce what the department sends to the states and communities for highways, air and rail transportation and

mass transit, officials said. In addition, Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña resubmitted a proposal from earlier this year to turn over the government's air traffic control operation to a semiprivate corporation.

The proposal has strong Republican support but was hlocked in Congress this year largely by the opposition of two Democratic subcommittee chairmen who will no longer hold the offices in the Republican Congress, Senator Wendell H. Ford of Kentucky and Representative James L. Oberstar of Minnesota,

apparently in order to underes-

## *POLITICAL NOTES*

#### Armey: 'Not President's Treasury'

WASHINGTON - The House Republican leader, Richard K. Armey of Texas, has asserted that the Clinton administration is misusing Treasury Department economists to support "hlatantly political" attacks on Republican tax and spending pro-

Mr. Armey, a conservative former economics professor who has spent much of his 10 years in Congress calling for far-reaching and often controversial changes in economic policy, criticized assessments by Treasury staff economists that showed that Republican tax-cutting measures would pose a high risk of adding to the deficit. Administration officials used those estimates to underscore their claims that the proposals were fiscally irresponsible.

Mr. Armey asserted that the administration's actions violated ethical and professional standards governing the use of the federal employees. "This is not the president's Treasury," he said in an interview. "It's the people's Treasury, and I have

to tell you I'm offended by this." Treasury officials rejected Mr. Armey's criticism. "We think on proposals that have a high likelihood of being brought to Congress and passed by Congress, particularly at a time when people are worried about fiscal responsibility, that it is in the public interest to release numbers if we have them, said Leslie Samuels, assistant Treasury secretary for tax

#### Name to Know: Thomas J. Billey Jr.

#### WASHINGTON - He is an undertaker whose family has run the most prominent funeral home in Richmond, Viriginia, for more than a century. He is so loyal to his roots in tobacco country that he keeps

by Philip Morris in his congressional office. Few people outside of Richmond have heard of Representative Thomas J. Bliley Jr. They soon will.

a framed picture with every hrand of cigarette made

Thanks to the midterm election in which Republicans captured control of both chambers of Congress, and to his friendship with Newt Gingrich, the House speaker-designate, Mr. Bliley will take over one of the most powerful and sprawling domains within the House: the Energy and Commerce Com-

Mr. Bliley, who is set to replace Representative John D. Dingell, will be shaping laws affecting a huge range of industries.

It is a committee with a huge mandate, though the new Republican leaders have somewhat pared down its authority. And Mr. Bliley, a folksy and unfailingly courteous politician who is 62, makes it clear that he will push for much lighter regulation of business. Forget, for example, about regulating tohacco as a drug, an idea that had been championed by some committee Democrats. "I don't know that we'll get around to that," he said last week, in a supreme understatement.

#### pig from stinking." Quote/Unquote

Judith Schaeffer of People for the American Way, a liberal advocacy group, on the planned lawsuit by a Mississippi woman who says her children have been harassed and ridiculed for opting out of prayers and Bible studies held at her school: "This illustrates what is likely to happen if Newt Gingrich should prevail in passing a school prayer amend-ment. It shows the kind of intimidation and harassment that children in religious minorities are going to suffer, either by forced participation or by conspicuous abstention."

Stink at Pig Farm and Bush Library

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Residents of a rural area near Texas A & M University are raising a

fuss over the relocation of a pig farm being displaced by construction of the George Bush Presidential

School officials plan to move the Texas A & M

Swine Center from a corner of the 90-acre (36-

hectares) library site a few miles west to a place

known as Brushy Community.

"The bottom line is, Brushy Community residents don't want the pigs out there," said Tam Garland, an

A & M veterinarian whose home would be about

300 yards from the pig center. "Whether it's five pigs

or 500 pigs, we don't want them. You can't keep a

## **Mexicans Brace for** Army Clash With Rebels

By Tod Robberson

EL BOSQUE, Mexico -Thousands of fearful Mexicans cowered in their homes here Tuesday, awaiting a confrontation between advancing Mexican Army troops and peasant rebels who seized this and dozens of other southern towns carly Monday.

Armed rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army established scores of roadblocks and checkpoints across a wide swath of Chiapas state in a surprise "military action" Monday, virtually doubling the amount of territory the rebels have controlled since launching an uprising last Jan. 1.

Their presence here in a regiou far beyond the government-recognized Zapatista zone of control poses an increasingly difficult dilemma for President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Léon, who pledged upon taking office Dec. 1 that government troops would not be the first to break an 11-monthold cease-fire with the rebels.

It was clear from the scene bere Tuesday that unless Mr. Zedillo authorizes the use of armed force, he will be unable to permanently dislodge the Zapatistas from their new posi-

With the Mexican Army so far honoring Mr. Zedillo's cease-fire pledge, the Zapatistas have felt free to push deeply into the central part of Chianas and now claim more than a third of the state as "territory in rebellion."

Less than a mile outside El Bosque, at least 16 Zapatistas wearing ski masks and toting hunting rifles entrenched themselves Tuesday morning across the main highway linking the large municipality of Simojovel with the state capital, Tuxtla

Ahout 32 kilometers (20 and professional sports teams, miles) south along the same died from pneumonia on Monhighway at Puerto Cate, several day at his home in Vouccestant bundred Mexican army troops Ohio. He was 85 years old. and federal judicial police, armed with assault rifles and backed by helicopters and a column of armored vehicles, slow-ly advanced toward rebel posi-20 states. His company was ranked as the fourth-largest owner of shopping and retail

The state attorney general, Jorge Enrique Hernandez, who was traveling with the convoy, said that the government forces job was to reopen roads and that troops and police were under strict orders not 10 engage Penguins bockey team. He also the Zapatistas.

In El Bosque, rebels apparently had cut phone lines leading into the town and had blocked civilians from leaving.

Mr. DeBartolo was born in Youngstown, the son of Italian had remained at a virtual stale mate as Mr. Zedillo and his

ated settlement.

immigrants, and began working early in construction. predecessor, Carlos Salinas de To take advantage of the Gortari, tried to reach a negotigrowth of the suburbs after World War II, he built shop-

ing that his early strategy for 1984-86. building real estate was: "Stay While helped create the suburban shopping mall and used his success to invest in horse racing out in the country. That's the new downtown." Bradford Morse, UN Aide

(Reuters)

And U.S. Congressman, 73 NEW YORK (Reuters) — Bradford Morse, 73, a prominent former five-term Republichusetts and a past under-secretary-general of the United Nations, died Sunday at his home in Naples, Florida. Mr. Morse served in the UN post from 1972 to 1975, the

Edward DeBartolo, Mall Builder, Dies

He was often quoted as say-

Armed peasants on the move Tuesday outside the rebel zone in Mexico's Chianas state.

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stricken sub-Sahara Africa in While in the House, he was a member of the Foreign Affairs

bile insurance policy, under a 4-to-3 ruling by

the New Jersey Supreme Court. At issue was

whether the shooting was an "accident" as

defined by state automobile insurance stat-

· A man who admitted selling the bones of a

Cheyenne Indian dug np in Montana faces up

to two years in prison under a law designed to

• A gunman who killed his landlord, the land-

lord's wife and a bystander in the New York

City borough of Queens was facing eviction from his apartment, the police said. "The guy

apparently just flipped out," they said. (AP)

• The Environmental Protection Agency ap-

proved a plan for 12 states to reduce smog

sharply by requiring automakers to make a new class of less-polluting vehicles to be sold

primarily in the Northeast hy 1999. (WP)

protect Indian burial grounds.

ping plazas and malls in the gency Operation for Africa, 1940s, '50s and '60s. which sent food to famine-

Lilia Skala, a stage and screen actress in her 90s best known for her portrayal of the headstrong Mother Superior in the 1963 film "Lilies of the can congressman from Massa- Field," died Sunday at her bome in Bay Shore, New York.

Pedro Collor de Mello, 42 whose revelations of high-level corruption in Brazil led to the impeachment of his brother, highest ranking American in President Fernando Collor de the world body. He helped cre- Mello, in 1992, died of brain sident Fernando Collor de cancer Monday in New York.

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## **Tobacco Industry Accused of Faking Data**

By Philip J. Hilts New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The tohacco industry's scientific data showing that second-hand smoke was not a significant hazard in workplaces may have been faked, according to former employees who helped make the measurements.

In a report issued by the staff Waxman, statements from former employees of Healthy Buildings International, raw data from the company's field inspections of 585 huildings and independent analysis showed that "the industry may have used improper and fraudulent scientific data in conducting research on environmental tobacco smoke."

Mr. Waxman, Democrat of California, is the outgoing chairman of the health and environment subcommittee.

The data found to be suspect is among the most important of all the work cited by industry spokesmen to back up their case that second-hand smoke is not Dr. Stanton Glantz, a cardi-

ologist at the University of California and an anti-smoking advocate who has studied the tobacco company claims on second-hand smoke, said Tuesday:
This data is just crucial. The

argument of the tobacco companies has been that the exposure levels of environmental tobacco smoke in workplaces is so low as to be trivial. If this data is fraudulent, it throws into question all their assertions." The data, he said, have been

used in Congress, in hitigation, decide on second-hand smoke hy respirable suspended parti-- the Occupational Safety and cles. whether to ban smoking in Mr. Waxman's staff report: American workplaces, and the companies have presented the rial Bank Building in San Diego American workplaces, and the their argument against the pro-

posed rule. Gray Robertson, president of air, three times what the federal standard allows, al, said Tuesday, "Some of the numbers were changed, but for ried out the measurements for good reasons, and there was no fabrication."

The tobacco industry has of indoor air quality and to tes-

The company was the principle business relied on by the industry for data to show that cians tried to sample air in a cigarette smoking does not cre-ate substantial indoor air pollution problems.

of 585 buildings, which was later published in a scientific journal and presented as testimony to Congress, Mr. Waxman said his staff and an independent analyst had found that "there were more than 150 significant alterations" of the data. That would mean that more than 25 percent of the data was altered from what technicians actually measured in the field compared to what the company reported.

and is now being presented be- undercounted the amount of fore the next major forum to cigarette smoke, as measured

Health Administration. That Several examples of the ap agency is holding hearings on parently faked data listed in

Healthy Buildings Internation in 1989 showed that one room, of Representative Henry A. al data as a significant part of with two people smoking in it,

> ried out the measurements for report. Healthy Buildings International, told Mr. Waxman's staff: "After I submitted my field paid Healthy Buildings Inter-national millions of dollars over the HBI president, changed the the last decade to carry out tests particular measurement I recorded for the sample. In his tify on behalf of the industry in own handwriting, he struck out many forums, including before the number '150' in the field notes and inscried the number

• In December 1989, technicafeteria but could not because the monitoring equipment needed was not there. Never-But reviewing the raw data theless, the company reported for the company's field survey that a measurement had been taken and that the level in the smoking section was 30 micrograms per cubic meter, well below federal standards.

 The report showed that one frequent problem with the data reported was that the size of the

The alterations consistently room in which the measurement was taken was falsified,

timate the amount of smoke measured. Inspection of an office m Richmond, Virginia, in August

of 1989, conducted by Mr. Wulchin, showed that the office was 1,000 square feet (90 square meters). It was reported as 300 square feet. When the volume registered 150 micrograms per of air is divided by the number cubic meter of particles in the of cigarettes smoked, it thus

produced a falsely low amount of cigarette smoke per cubic Gregory Wulchin, who car- meter of air, according to the

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rugby, golf and many other aports.

## Hard Line in Beijing

It is extraordinary and more than a little alarming. The world's most populous country, a nuclear power with a hooming, internationalized economy, is frozen into hard-line immobility on a wide range of policies because its nonagenarian supreme leader lies dying and those beneath him fear jeopardizing their own political futures hy appearing too flexible.

Some of the effects of this succession crisis are now being felt throughout the world, but the primary and most brutal effects are felt in China itself. Crucial reforms of state industry have been postponed repeatedly. Arbitrary challenges and revisions have left foreign investors questioning the reliability of their contracts. Most recently, human rights and democracy activists have been subjected to a new round of repression that is ferocious even by China's harsh standards. Last week, nine defendants drew cruelly excessive sentences for distributing four articles on human and workers' rights. One man was condemned to an incredible 20 years' imprisonment, seven years more than was imposed on the alleged masterminds of the Tiananmen Square movement.

These sentences form part of a pattern that includes the rearrest last spring of China's most famous democrat. Wei Jingsheng; the six-year sentence imposed last month on an internationally respected journalist, Gao Yu; and the menacing harassment of a former stu-

deni leader, Wang Dan.
The roots of this crackdown are domestic, but its severity reflects Beijing's perception that it can now ignore international human rights pressure. The tri-al that hrought last week's sentences had

twice before been postponed: in 1993 when China was seeking the 2000 Olympics, and last spring when President Bill Clinton was weighing extension of China's low-tariff access to the U.S. market. Turning down that Olympic bid and extending trade access without human rights conditions reduced the outside world's leverage.

Despite Mr. Clinton's conciliatory pol-

icies, the United States, too, has felt the new chill from Beijing. Washington's favorable tariff decision brought no honeymoon but a fresh burst of Chinese threats. Beijing warned that it would retaliate if the United States persisted in holding China to reasonable standards for joining the new World Trade Organization, and in demanding that it crack down on copyright piracy. Meanwhile, as the United States hastens to re-establish military cooperation, Beijing has escalated its rhetoric over a minor naval surveillance incident earlier this year.

Given this present touchiness, Washington needs to avoid gratuitous provocation. But it cannot avoid asserting legitimate U.S. interests from trade to security to human rights.

Republicans who have criticized the Clinton administration's overly accommodating China policies will soon hold key committee chairs. The administration, which is considering sending either Vice President Al Gore or Hillary Rodham Clinton to Beijing next year, would be wise to consult first with Republicans and seek bipartisan agreement on how to stand up to today's Chinese hullying without wrecking a valuable long-term relationship.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## **Carter Out of Control**

Two Bosnia negotiations are under way, and the first, between President Bill Clinton and former President Jimmy Carter, is definitely the more nerveracking. Stepping back from his own Bosnia duties, Mr. Clinton took a flier and bowed to the irrepressible Mr. Carter, apparently hoping he could exploit or at least control him. Monday morning it looked doubtful. Mr. Carter's characteristic one-sided embrace of the party most opposed to American policy forced the White House to issue an emergency rebuke. By day's end, moreover, it was still doubtful. Jimmy Carter seemed to be undercutting American policy and possibly putting President Clinton in the position of having to repudiate a mission gone off the track.

The administration had hoped that the Bosnian Serh regime, unable to translate battlefield gains into political normalization, would make to the appreciative Mr. Carter concessions that it would not make to the accusing Mr. Clinton. But the regime did not make meaningful concessions. It took advantage of the goodwill and innocence of its invited guest to move the discussion in a way that may yet rebound against the

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, offers full movement for United Nations peacekeepers. But he has zero credibility on this issue; he broke even his promises to Mr. Carter, who hrushed off the betrayal. He has used peacekeepers as hostages. Anyway, how can he object if the United Nations feeds the

refugees he creates?
Mr. Karadzic offers a four-month renewable cease-fire. But what is this? As the victor, he has long been seeking to start a cease-fire to cement his conquests and preempt the Muslim-led Bosnian government's rearming.

He offers to join talks on the American-sponsored "contact group's" peace plan, which he has long reviled. But now suddenly his government hails the plan as the "basis" for talks, evidently meaning to renegotiate it, not to accept it. And for all of these promises, including extravagant pledges to respect everyone's human rights and -this from Mr. Ethnic Cleansing himself — to let people live where they please, Jimmy Carter prepared to reward him hy removing UN sanctions forthwith.

Through two administrations, American officials have averted their gaze from Bosnia or hoped that others would somehow fix it. The latest instance is the Carter mission. But it was idle to think that the Bosnian Serbs could be lulled by sweet talk. Mr. Carter is moving forward as though to proclaim his mis-sion a success. So far, nothing of substance suggests that it is.

Unwelcome as the task may be, this is the right moment for American policy in Bosnia to be reclaimed by the president of the United States.

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## Foreign Aid at Risk

Republican Senator Mitch McCon-nell's proposal to deeply slash aid to Africa, add restrictions to Russian assistance, cut levels elsewhere except in Europe and the Middle East, tuck the Peace Corps under the State Department and abolish the Agency for International Development had the predictable, explosive

effect at the State Department.
That is understandable. But as disturbing as the changes seem to be, there is at least one small consolation for AID officials. Compared with the way many Republicans in the new Republicancontrolled Congress feel about foreign aid, Senator McConnell - who will chair the influential foreign aid appropriations subcommittee — may be some-thing of a moderate. At least he isn't out to kill the whole idea.

Make no mistake, the McConnell bill sharply alters the shape of the system. Programs designed to slow population growth and fight malnutrition, illiteracy and poverty in some of the poorest nations will give way to a new charter narrowly focused on American economic and security interests. "Most poor countries are still poor" despite years of U.S. aid - so what's the point? says Senator McConnell. Under his bill, countries with free market policies and open trading systems will get first dihs on American aid. Former Soviet republics other than

Russia receive earmark protection previ-

ously accorded Israel and Egypt.

The Clinton administration says it has pursued policies promoting growth, stability, the well-being of emerging demo-cracies and the flow of U.S. exports with increasing efficiency and effectiveness over that of preceding Republican administrations. There is some truth to that. But the administration and Senator McConnell are far apart in their ap-proaches to foreign aid reforms. For Sen-ator McConnell, making Africa the hig loser, cutting already sharply curtailed spending by 20 percent and protecting the more politically potent Middle East and Eastern Europe aid flows is the way to advance U.S. interests. This is a central point of difference. It is also where the

debate should be joined.

For people who believe that this bountiful country has a responsibility at least to join with other better-off nations and help those in extreme deprivation. Senator McConnell's approach is the wrong response. That isn't to say that AID's basic assumptions should not be chal-lenged. The Clinton administration must prove convincingly that foreign aid works
— that it serves America's national inter-

ests and those of recipient nations. Refuting the assumptions in the McConnell bill provides that opportunity.

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# Trade With Developing Countries Is Good Business

GENEVA — It is now certain that the World Trade Organization will come into being, on target, on Jan. 1. This historic event is an appropriate occasion for setting the record straight on a misconception that has been put about

by protectionist opponents of the WTO.
For someone unfamiliar with the facts, the myth that trade with developing countries is destroying jobs and depressing wages in the rich countries can have a ring of plausibility. But it cannot sur-

vive contact with reality.
Public opinion polls confirm the growing sense of insecurity of workers throughout the developed world, fueled by a seemingly endless flow of reports of downsizing of major corporations, downward pressure on wages and, especially in Western Europe, chronically high levels of unemployment. These fears are the focus of a considerable amount of serious research, which suggests that labor market rigidities and government regulation are the major culprits.

Unfortunately, job fears are being played on by a minority who claim that competition from developing countries is to blame. The fall of communism and the move to more market-oriented economies, they argue, has brought 4 billion low-wage workers into the world economy for the first time in the postwar era. Free trade with those countries, they say, is bound to result either in a massive transfer of jobs out of the rich countries or in a decline of rich-country wages to the levels

found in the developing countries.

Since either option will lead to social upheaval and conflict, the rich countries are said to have no choice but to carefully regulate their trade with the low-wage countries. Variously GATT, the WTO and the Uruguay Round are condemned

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for promoting free trade and blocking efforts to raise harriers to imports from developing countries.

Advocates of this view offer anecdotal evidence hut shy away from a more com-prehensive "testing" of it against real world experience. This is not surprising, since the facts contradict the picture painted by their anecdotal evidence.

The vast majority of developing countries spend every penny of foreign ex-change they earn, and then some. They have an insatiable appetite for developed countries' goods and services.

If the OECD countries purchase an

additional \$5 billion in clothing from developing countries, the developing

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countries will increase their imports by \$5 billion, with most of it spent directly on OECD exports and the remainder coming back indirectly — for example, Brazil uses Deutsche marks to import from Mexico, and Mexico uses the marks to import from the European Umon.

Over time, dynamic exporters are also dynamic importers. For example, whereas in 1980 China ranked 29th and 21st, respectively, on the lists of the world's leading merchandise exporters and importers, by last year it had moved up to be the 11th largest exporter and the 11th largest importer.

The experience of the other dynamic exporters matches China's; their 1993 rankings on the export and import lists are virtually identical. This means that any policy which restricts imports from developing countries inevitably ends up restricting exports to those countries. If they can't sell, they can't huy.

Thus trade with developing countries is more about joh creation than about joh losses. Trade creates johs in the developed countries' export sector and, via the income gains, throughout the economy as a whole.

While some job creation offsets joh losses that occur as a result of structural change and technological development, it is the net impact on incomes that is most significant. This is because johs in the export sector pay more on average than jobs in the inefficient import-competing sector (17 percent more in the United States, according to recent estimates), since on average they are higher-skill jobs. In this way, trade with low-wage countries adds to the supply of

higher-paying johs.

Trade with developing countries is also beneficial in the short run, as it was last year when it helped sustain the exports of the European Union and the United States. In each case, exports to Latin America and developing countries in Asia offset the weak or declining demand for imports into Japan and within the European Union. Developing countries' import demand helped keep factories open and prevented longer johless queues in the rich countries.

Comparing hourly wages in a rich country with those in developing countries is meaningless as far as competitiveness is concerned. (If the hourly wage were all that mattered, it would be impossible to explain why developing countries purchase two-thirds of their merchandise imports from the high-wage developed countries.) At a minimum, it is necessary to adjust for differences in labor productivity, which is much higher in the developed countries because their workers are more skilled and have more capital to work with.

Nor is labor cost per unit of output necessarily a deciding factor, except per-haps for some firms whose production

uses large amounts of unskilled labor. Proximity to market, infrastructure (mcluding services) and the availability of workers with the necessary range of skills can be as important, or more so, in deciding where to produce.

Some allege that foreign direct invest-ment (FDI) by developed-country firms causes large-scale shifts of production and employment from rich countries to developing countries. The facts indicate otherwise. The developed countries in-

Protectionists offer nothing more than an illusion of time standing still in a golden age that never was.

vest mainly in each other (again giving lie to the claim that only hourly wages mat-ter). Moreover, by reinforcing competitiveness, FDI can protect existing production capacity which otherwise may have disappeared, and frequently results in increased demand for capital goods, components, services and so forth from

other home country suppliers. Even if one believed that trade with developing countries was an important source of downward pressure on the wages of unskilled workers in the rich countries, would it make sense to try to use a country's trade policies to protect the wages and jobs of unskilled workers? Consider one of the implications of such

a course of action. Low-paying jobs in the import-competing sector would be protected at the expense of higher-paying jobs in the ex-port sector. In the medium term, such a policy would be certain to reduce the number of young people staying in school and acquiring more skills. Why stay in school if the government has a policy of encouraging low-skill jobs and discouraging the creation of higher-skill jobs? This is a prescription for economic

stagnation or worse.
While the low-paying jobs would be protected against competition from developing countries, they would not be protected against technological change, which many argue is a more important source of downward pressure on unskilled wages. (The kind of routine jobs done by unskilled workers are often easiest to automate.) Protection against imports may actually speed up the rate of job loss, as firms use the windfall profits from higher prices to accelerate the introduction of abor-saving capital equipment.

Protection leads to higher prices for

consumers, and in most instances the added costs fall heavily on low-income families because they spend a larger share of their hudgets on such products as clothing and footwear where developing countries are very competitive. In general, the low-wage countries tend to produce the medium-to-lower-quality consumer goods that low-income families buy. (Giorgio Armani's or Yves Saint Laurent's prices are not much affected by the high trade barriers on clothing imports from developing countries.)
Furthermore, studies indicate that the

annual cost of protecting a job by import barriers is typically anywhere from three to eight times the annual wage of that job. What the advocates of increased production fail to explain is how a society makes itself richer by incurring annual costs that are a large multiple of the annual wages of the jobs protected.

Contrary to the arguments of protec-tionists, higher trade barriers would make it more difficult for the developed countries to maintain generous health unemployment and pension benefits. Generous social provisions are expensive, and the best way - indeed, the only way -- to ensure that a society can afford them is to put primary emphasis on using its resources efficiently, creating incentives for its labor force to acquire more skills and creating opportunities for its export-oriented sectors to expand.

So, protectionism does not create jobs. It doesn't even succeed in maintaining them. The problem is that protectionists are more interested in populist slogans than in reality.

Protectionism is at heart a tactic for denying reality. In particular, it tries to suppress the reality of change - in the economy as a whole, in industry, in social conditions - and by doing so ensures that change, when it inevitably comes, is a lot more painful since people have not been prepared for it.

There may well be 4 billion currently low-wage workers entering an increasingly global economy, but they are not a threat. Rather they are the next genera-tion of consumers for the advanced industrial economies.

Protectionists offer the public nothing more than an illusion —an illusion of time standing still in a golden age that never was. The reality behind it is the continued impoverishment of developing countries and transition economies whose hopes for growth rest on trade, and on whose growth depend the industrialized world's hopes for its own prosperity.

We should never forget that the last time protectionist policies had the upper hand in the Northern Hemisphere was in the 1930s. The result is a matter of historical and horrible record.

The WTO won't be a once-and-for-all answer to protectionists. They will no doubt always find an audience, like other peddlers of quack remedies, wherever there is fear. But it can make an enormous contribution toward removing the causes of those fears and so toward depriving the protectionist virus of a host body.

This is why it is so crucially important that governments and people everywhere give their active support to the organiza-tion, not just for itself hut for what it means: a world trading system based on equity, openness and cooperation rather than suicidal selfishness.

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## UN Foot-Dragging Could Make a Sham of the War Crimes Tribunal

XXXASHINGTON - Last Goldstone of South Africa, chief prosecutor of the first international war crimes tribunal since Nuremberg and Tokyo, laid out before three judges of the Inter-national Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia the case against the first of those to be held responsible for murders, tor-tures, rapes and other crimes known by the chilling phrase "ethnic cleansing." The judges' have already issued one indictment; more are forthcoming.

But the success or failure of the international community's first effort since World War II to hold individuals accountable for genocide, "crimes against humanity"

By Thomas S. Warrick

and war crimes may not be determined by Justice Goldstone's prosecutors and investigators, nor hy the 11 judges who will hear the evidence assembled by his team and by the UN Commission of Experts headed by the American law professor Cherif Bassiouni.

Rather, the fate of the first effort in almost 50 years to put teeth into international law will likely be determined this week hy two little-known UN committees, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ques-tions (ACABQ) and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. These panels control the purse strings of the United Nations, which means that they will decide whether those ultimately responsible for ethnic cleansing are ever to be brought to justice. These war crimes cases will be witness-driven. There is no paper trail - at least, not yet. Justice

Goldstone's investigators will have to interview as many witnesses as possible to find those willing to testify. To prosecute a camp commander for crimes against humanity may take the court testi-mony of 50 witnesses. To prove that there was a policy of system-

atic rape — and there was — will require hundreds of wimesses who now live all over Europe.

Some of the best evidence will investigators had to share a single mation of mass graves, such as the one near Vukovar, Croatia, where 200 Croats were taken from a hospital, massacred and dumped in a shallow grave.

The initial budget for the war crimes trihunal was a scandal. Of the \$32.6 million the tribunal was supposed to get for 1994-1995, \$22.6 million was for judges, ad-ministration and overhead. Some \$8.1 million was for prosecutors and investigators' salaries, and \$1.4 million for the defense.

For the real expenses of investigations - travel for investigators, translators so that investigators could talk to witnesses, witnesses travel and security, forensic and medical experts, mass grave exhumations and postmortems, trans-portation of suspects to trial, tracking 10,000 pages a month coming in from refugee interviews, investigating new war crimes, and investigations into the destruction of cultural landmarks - the budget was a mere \$562,300. As little as this was, the

ACABQ and the Fifth Committee cut it by 20 percent for 1994, allowing nothing for 1995 and claiming that the UN Office of Legal Affairs had not justified even what was proposed.

Even with \$3 million and the

loan of 22 prosecutors and investigators from the United States, and the support of a few other, mostly non-European countries, investigations have been slow to get up to speed for a lack of money. When I was in The Hague in

July, 20 assistant prosecutors and

the Netherlands. (Most of the witnesses are in Germany, Austria, Denmark and the former Yugoslavia.) Justice Goldstone came on the

job in August, and the investigators he has are now in the field. More are urgently needed. For 1995, be has asked the UN committees for \$11.5 million. The Iran-contra investigation, which tried only about a dozen readily identified U.S. political figures, cost more than \$40 million.

There have been many serious allegations that the United Nations is dragging its feet on war crimes investigations. Sadruddin Aga Khan, former UN high comsioner for refugees, warned in The New York Times last February that the teeth were being pulled from the tribunal and 'only a facade will remain."

When Frits Kalshoven, the first chairman of the commission of experts for Yugoslavia, resigned, he told Renters that problems with the UN bureaucracy" made the United Nations slow to release resources needed for investigations. The United Nations should give

the tribunal the resources it needs to succeed. The credibility of international justice is on the line.

The writer, a Washington lawyer, was senior counsel to the chairman of the UN Commission of Experts on the Former Yugoslavia, an investigative body that gathered evidence of war crimes. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Is Stevenson Alive?

LONDON — The question which is now agitating the minds of the general reading public is: "Is Robert L. Stevenson dead or not?" The Evening Standard says: "The relatives of Mr. R. L. Stevenson are still of the opinion that he is alive. Mr. Stevenson's wife was suffering from what was believed to be an intra cranial angurism. The death described in the telegram from Auckland is precisely indicative of a ruptured intra cranial aneurism, and the person really dead may be the novelist's wife, and Mr. Stevenson may yet be able to read his own obituary notices."

1919: No Time in Paris

PARIS - There should be a considerable demand for cheap wrist-watches if the coal shortage continues. The latest phase of "peace time conditions" has been

the stopping of all the automati-cally controlled pneumatic clocks in Paris offices and at prominent street corners, because of insufficient coal, with the result that the hurrying pedestrian is amazed to find that he has made his journey literally in "no time."

## 1944: German Gains

SUPREME HEADQUAR-TERS, Allied Expeditionary Forces, Paris - [From our New York edition: As protests poured in from almost all the Allied world over the suppression of news of German gains on the western front, supreme headquarters pulled the curtain aside partly, and promised a higger view of the situation. The positions of the German and Allied armies will be made public once daily, after a sufficient time-lag to make sure the enemy will reap no benefit from the information.

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Somebody Has to Say These Things

ROCKVILLE, Maryland -Franklin D. Roosevelt remarked that a society can be gauged by how well it treats its poorest members. Since I became surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service — the world's largest group of expertly trained public health professionals — I have worked hard to follow the tradition of this office by speaking out about the hard choices we all face in taking care of those who do not have anyone to take care of them.

Indeed, even acknowledging the existence of such people is proving difficult for many.

Our country is engaged in a wrenching debate about who we are, where we are going what we believe in, and the role of government in keeping our nation healthy. Our streets and jails are teeming with children and young people nobody wants. The rates of sexually transmitted dis-

eases continue growing.
As parents, teachers and leaders, we cannot stand by and let our children slip away because of ignorance or a failure of courage. This means telling the truth to our young people about the risks of their behavior and giving them ways to reduce these risks.

Many tough and complex public health issues involve some of the most private aspects of life. As surgeon general, C. Everett Koop was one of the first to sound the alarm with frank talk about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases and ways to prevent them. His successor. Antonia Novello, did so, too. I regret that some of the

words 1 have uttered about

By Joycelyn Elders The writer resigned as U.S. surgeon general on Dec. 9.

these and other matters have caused discomfort. But I regret even more the realities that they describe.

Sexual practices are. of course, best left to consenting adults, behind closed doors. But sex becomes a proper subject for government when sexual be-havior endangers public health, as is clearly the case with AlDS and other diseases, or leads to increased poverty, ignorance and enslavement, as is the case with unplanned, unwanted children.

While abstinence is always to be urged on young people - and 1 have so urged repeatedly some of them are far from absunent. And when they do not have the support system that families can provide, they need to be given information about how to protect themselves.

Nearly half of all poor children in the United States do not grow up in a conventional family, and incomes of single-parent households are one-third those of other households. So local communities, local governments and school systems often have no choice hut to end up playing the role of surrogate parent.

It is always easier to stay on the sidelines and let others make

things happen. This acquiescence allows unhealthy and risky lifestyles like these to set the pace of our society: Nearly 30 percent of Americans under the age of 20

smoke cigarettes, and the aver-

age age for first use of ciga-

month's elections, tohacco companies are salivating at the thought of improved market-• About half of 18-10-20-

year-olds have used alcohol in the past month, and hinge drinking has become a common form of recreation for young people in high school and college. Yet more than a third of primary and secondary schools provide no alcohol or drug education, and only nine states require health education. · Fewer and fewer tecnagers

abstain from sexual intercourse, while more and more politicians abstain from the debate about comprehensive health education. And fewer than half of sexually active teenagers used a condom in their last sexual encounter.

• About 40 percent of pregnant minority women do not

receive any prenatal care in their first trimester. Change demands active involvement; sometimes one person with courage can make a majority. "The day we see the truth and cease to speak," said Martin Luther King Jr., "is the

day we begin to die. As I leave public life, I will continue to be a voice for the poor and the powerless and to do my best to see that the goals of this administration are reached to make the world a better place for all God's children.

Joycelyn Elders is returning to the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, where she was professor of pediatrics for 26 years. She contributed this comment to The New York Times,

## The Chechens and Russia: A Hatred as Old as the Land

WASHINGTON — Exasperated about Russia's failure to crush Chechen resistance, a senior Russian hureaucrat addressed an urgent memorandum to his superiors.

This could have happened last week, as the Red Army attacked the tiny, obstinate north Caucasian nation. Or it could have happened in February 1944, or October 1920. In this case, though, it was 1834, and the addressee was Emperor Nicholas I.

"The Chechens," wrote the Russian civil servant, "spend their life plundering and raiding their neighbors, who hate them for their ferocity ... Often punished by Russian arms. they are always ready to begin their crimes again... The only way to deal with this illintentioned people is to destroy it to the last ... This would not be difficult, because

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their total numbers have greatly diminished." Diminished they had, in no small measure thanks to the tireless efforts of four Russian emperors since the days of Catherine the Great. Though Nicholas never approved the blueprint for a "final solution" of the Chechen question, he proceeded to drown the Chechnya region in blood and carnage.

The Chechens were crushed, their land was deforested, their yurts, or villages, leveled and nearly two-thirds of their population was left dead. Many others were driven into exile in the Ottoman-controlled Middle East, where their descendants live to this day.

Those left behind grew accustomed to gross mistreatment by whoever happened to occupy the Russian throne, be it a Romanov tion "on the road to Baghdad." czar, a Bolshevik secretary-general or a democratically elected president.

Bosnia Needs the UN

In the view of Refugees Interna-

tional, the UN Protection Force

sbould remain in Bosnia - and be

strengthened - to assist in the de-

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lief supplies to Bosnians this winter.

for assuring that the airlift to Saraje-

vo and the overland convoys to oth-

er parts of Bosnia continue to oper-

ate. The UN forces are a modest

check on the Bosnian Serbs and a

reminder to them that the world

continues to have an interest in the

Unprofor should be withdrawn

from Bosnia only in the context of a

comprehensive strategy to stop the

Bosnian Serbs' aggression against

Should the United Nations and

NATO agree to a campaign of air strikes to enforce the flight-exclu-

sion zone over Bosnia and to protect

UN-designated safe areas, Unpro-

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what remains of Bosnia.

The UN presence seems essential

have been victimized more often. In the winter of 1944, when Hitler was husy shipping Jews in cattle cars to Auschwitz, Stalin applied the same method to the Che-chens: He ordered the overnight deportation of the entire population to the steppes of Kazakhstan and Siberia. They were accused. along with other Muslim nations, of fictitious

collective collaboration with the Nazis. The nominally autonomous Chechen region was dismantled, and the spoils were divided among Russians, Ossetians and Georgians, all of them Christian. Soviet geographers were ordered to erase from the map any reminder that this ancient nation ever existed.

The Checbens, and their ethnic brethren. the Ingush, were meant to die. One-third did., Those who did not owed much of their surcal brand of Islam called Sufism.

Sufism, often derided by Russia as "Islamic fundamentalism," has been the Chechen ultimate weapon. It combines the militant, purist notion of an Islamic lifestyle, a message of defiance in the face of adversity and an extraordinary formula for internalizing one's rage. Central to Muslim practice in Chechnya is an ecstatic dance called zikr, taught nearly 150 years ago by Kunta Haji, an illiterate shepherd who experienced a mystical revela-

Kunta Zikr is credited with helping the Chechen close their ranks, even at times of Few people on the Russian land mass overwhelming defeat. Men of all ages would

jump and shake their heads and arms. They would be seech God and his prophets to forgive their numerous sins and purify them.

In three weeks of traveling across Chech-Emerging from a trance of an bour or more. they would find catharsis - sometimes weep-

ing or even losing consciousness.
Imperial Russia, having just overcome the Chechen combat skills in battle, was terrified by the nonviolent, self-oriented zikr. In 1864, Kunta Haji was committed to a mental asylum. Zikr was outlawed: performing it became a capital offense. Kunta Haii's followers were massacred or banished to Siberia.

But the Chechens' saga of resistance was far from over. In 1877 they rose up in arms. In the early 20th century, they were briefly seduced by Lenin, whose emissaries sought to conven the socially egalitarian Chechens to communism, but eventually revolted against Bolshevism in 1920 and gave the Red Army a bloody nose. They rebelled again in 1929 and in 1940. Throughout, the Chechens managed to preserve not only their traditional clan system but their religious structure. Soviet and post-Soviet experts have greatly underesumated this phenomenon.

Stalin's 1944 deportation was reversed in 1957, but at no point did his successors see fit to offer an apology, let alone indemnities. The outside world knew little of the plight of this isolated nation.

Through the '70s, the Soviet government was to treat Grozny, the capital of Chechnya. roots of the Chechen conflict: its own misas enemy territory, where nighttime curfews were imposed as a matter of routine.

Outright hatred of all matters Chechen are

nya, I came across few Chechens who opposed their nation's independence. Many who vociferously objected to the present leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, still insisted that independence was not a plank in somebody's party platform, but a tenet of faith.

Mr. Dudayev, a retired Soviet general. proved to be 100 narcissistic, 100 temperamental and at times unnecessarily provocative. He evoked too often the historical figure Sheikh Mansour, the heroic leader of Chechnya's first rebellion against Russia two centuries ago. In doing so, and in dealing brutally with his political rivals, he made it much easier for Moscow to demonize him. Even worse, he played into the hands of proponents of racist stereotypes, already valent in Russian society.

Chechen prominence in Russian orga nized crime (talking of the "Checben malia" is how Russians give themselves a good chill on a hot day) allowed Moscow to portray Mr. Dudavev as a Caucasian Godfather.

Russian ministers talk of Chechnya's trunsformation into a "free crime zone." Yet Russia has not hesitated to employ the good offices of convicted assassins and well-known crime bosses in trying to undermine Mr. Dudavev. All along, Russia has failed to recognize the treatment of the Chechens.

Mr. Karny, an Israeli journalist, recently common to Russians, be they narrow-minded spent three months in the Caucusus and is nationalists or ostensibly tolerant liberals. writing a book about the region. He contribut-

## The Millennium Is Near — **Nearer Than You Think**

By Wick Allison

LARCHMONT. New York — Maybe we should deck the halls with a few more boughs of holly. From the best evidence, it appears that Jesus Christ was born in 6 B.C.

If a Roman monk hadn't made a simple miscalculation 1,400 years ago, the world would be celebrating the 2,000th Christmas on Sunday.

#### MEANWHILE

And the Sunday after that, we would be celebrating New Year's Day 2000. How did the mistake happen? It started with an attempt to fix the date not of Christmas but of Easter.

Easter, like Passover, is based on a calculation involving the lunar and solar calendars. The calculation can be done any number of ways, and by the 6th century A.D., differences abounded. Finally, in 525, Pope John I commissioned a well-regarded scholar, the monk Dionysius Exiguus, to develop a system that everyone could agree on.

Dionysius was an expert not only in canon law but in astronomy and mathematics, and he had no trouble coming up with new tables for Easter. The hard part was getting hishops to adopt them.

It may have been to popularize his system that he hit on another bright dea: renumbering the years to focus on the hirth of Christ.

Most of Europe then still operated under Emperor Diocletian's version of the old Roman calendar. which dated the years ab urbe condi-

1a - from the founding of the city. Diocletian bad been one of the cburch's fiercest persecutors, argued the monk, so why rely on him for its system of dating? And which was more important — the founding of a collapsed empire or the incarnation

Dionysius designated the first year after Christ's birth as anno Domini (year of our Lord) I. Jesus's birth, then, took place late in the year before that: not 0, but I B.C.

of Jesus Christ, savior of the world?

Dionysius's theology may have been on the mark, but his chronology wasn't. Somehow he decided to olace Jesus's birth in the 753d year of the old Roman calendar. Christian scholars bave long questioned this reckoning, and for good reason.

Herod the Great, King of Judea. died in the 750th year after Rome was founded. As we know from the Gospels of both Matthew and Luke, Jesus was born in Herod's reign. So Dionysius was at least three years off - and the evidence ults to live. In Matthew's account, Herod interrogates the magi who come to visit Jesus, and after establishing the date of the child's birth, he orders the killing of all the male children of Bethlehem aged 2 and under. Joseph is warned hy an angel to flee to Egypt; he returns with the holy family only after Herod dies.

Contrary to conventional piety and millions of creches - the magi were not at the manger on Christmas night — or even Epiphany (Jan. when their arrival is celebrated. Matthew indicates that their journey took months, not days.

By the time they arrived and lingered in Jerusalem, consulted with Herod and moved on to Bethlehem to worship the child, more time would have passed. Jesus would no longer have heen a newborn.

By the time the holy family fled to Egypt, lived there, then returned at Herod's death in 4 B.C., he would have been as old as a year or two. That places his hirth before 5 B.C.

Luke doesn't mention the magi. His only reference to a historical date is a census that was taken "while Quirinius was governor of Syria." That can't be right, since Quirinius became legate in Syria in A.D. 6 - by which time Herod had been dead for 10 years.

But Roman records tell us a Quintilius was legate in Syria from 6 B.C. to 4 B.C. Did Luke - writing some 70 years after the event - get the name wrong? It's not unusual, even in the Gospels.

Placing the birth before 5 B.C.. yet during the time of Quintilius, would mean that Jesus was born

The magi, of course, were following a star. Of the many attempts that have been made to identify it, one is especially intriguing. Chinese astronomers recorded what must have been a supernova in the early spring of 5 B.C. If, as Matthew says, the magi began their journey after Jesus was born, this would suggest a birth date in the winter of 6-5 B.C. around, say, Christmas?

Every Christmas is special, and the Christmas message is timeless whether one accepts the Gospels literally or figuratively.

But it may add a glow to a cold, crisp night in December 1994 to know that this is the 2,000th Cbristmas to warm the human heart.

The writer, former publisher of National Review, is author of "That's in the Bible?" a study guide for adults. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

#### By Yo'av Karny

vival to their resilience, embodied in a mysti-

or anywhere else, for that matter gather in public, form circles, chant prayers. Many who threw in their lot with the indepen- ed this comment to The Washington Post.

under NATO air cover.

LIONEL ROSENBLATT.

Washington.

President. Refugees International.

Many thanks to Anthony Lewis,

William Pfaff and William Safire for

various columns on Bosnia, as well

as to Adrian Hastings, Norman

Stone, Mark Almond, Noel Mai-

colm and Branka Magas, for "On

Bosnia, Washington Should Stop

Deferring to London and Paris'

(Opinion, Nov. 29). Their words are a

relief to all those who are still able to

CHIARELLA WINTER.

think. Please do not stop.

On Bosnia, With Thanks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

vilians in highly exposed areas, Every foreign leader with whom However, if we are not prepared to take this forthright step, UN intelligent and forthright statesmanpeacekeeping forces should remain ship. Why can't Americans judge him in Bosnia. We should not further by his accomplishments, of which abandon Bosnian civilians to the they should be proud, rather than his tender mercies of the Bosnian Serbs. flaws, which seem in no way to hamtheir best interests? (Could they sur- something that we oberish, admiring the White House?)

> ALAN DAVID SHEAN. Dun, France. President Bill Clinton is a hypocritical opportunist.

OLGA PICURI. Zurich.

#### Dull Men in a Turmoil

and proud of it"), suffered in silence

redeployed, along with Bosnian ci- Clinton: Passing Judgment Morgan from the pages of your jour- alarm, the column of Nov. 29, which nal. We have continued to purchase the IHT each Tuesday so we can the United States is involved for wallow in the sublime stodginess of global progress praises Bill Clinton's Mr. Byrne's chess column. Indeed. in my capacity as Keeper of the Archives, my principal task is to knife out the chess column and catalogue same. The stolid inertia and clotted monotony which characterper his international championing of ize Mr. Byrne's commentary is vive living in the glass house that is as we do systematic schemes and consistent regimentation.

Close scrutiny of our archives for the last decade reveals only eight occasions on which Mr. Byrne has deviated from his familiar, formulaic final line: "... and black [or white] gave up." Those eight deviations are entirely acceptable, for they involve no more than the addition or deletion of an article or conjunction. We do not begrudge Mr. Some time ago, our group. The Byrne his rare flights into literary Dull Men's Club (Motto: "Out of it sensationalism: nobody is perfect."

We note with no modest amount the sudden departure of Dr. Rex of unsettling trepidation, even

## Miraculous Descendance

concludes "... there would have

been no way to put the Humpty-

Dumpty of the black position togeth-

er." Such spirited pretensions cannot

possibly be the work of Mr. Byrne;

we suspect that some anarchistic

staffer has tampered with the original

text. The Dull Men's Club would

greatly appreciate editorial efforts to

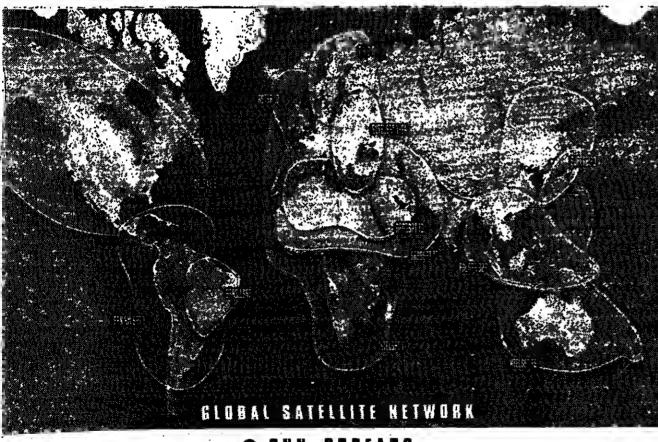
preclude another such misadventure.

ROGER KNOEBBER.

Regarding an item in the People column (Nov. 29) on "descendants" of Sir Isaac Newton:

Since Sir Isaac Newton was never married, nor, as far as anyone knows, did he father any children out of wedlock, bow could his descendants have come down? Gravity isn't the answer to everything.

NORMAN SANDERS. Drammen, Norway.



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## Plutonium Surplus: Bury or Burn Up?

## U.S. Disposal Team Rules Out All but Variants of 2 Methods

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. stockpile of toxic bombgrade surplus plutonium continues to grow, a Clinton administration team searching for a way to dispose of the material has effectively eliminated most proposals as economically or politically unacceptable. That leaves only two or three realistic options, none of them cheap or

All of the exotic disposal methods proposed in the past, such as sending the plutonium into space to be incinerated by the sun or hurying it in the seabed, have been screened out, according to team members. Still on the table are variants of two basic choices: burning the plutonium as fuel in nuclear reactors or burying it deep in the Earth.

The timetable calls for a decision in 13 months on a disposal method that will have to meet challenging criteria: It must be safe, environmentally and politically feasible, secure from terrorists, acceptable to Russia and affordable, and it must not contradict U.S. policy on nuclear nonproliferation.

"At this time, the U.S. government has just begun to consider all of these possibilities and their potential implications," said Frank vonHippel, assistant director of the White House science office and cochairman of the interagency group studying the problem.
As the Cold War fades into

the past, the United States is disassembling about 1,400 nuclear warheads a year. In the past, plutonium from retired warbeads was reused in new weapons. But now the government is not making new weapons, so the plutonium is piling up, mostly in temporary storage facilities at an Energy Department site near Amarillo, Texas.

Plutonium is highly toxic, flammable in some forms and radioactive. About 15 pounds (about seven kilograms) can be fashioned into a nuclear explosive device with relative ease. Although the exact amount of the stockpile surplus remains to be about 100 metric tons.

A report by the National Academy of Sciences termed the surplus bomb material "a clear and present danger to national security." According to many officials, the material could be stored indefinitely in its present form, but doing that would require extensive, expensive security arrangements.

The leading options still under active consideration: Placement of plntonium in

caled canisters in "boreholes" drilled at least two miles (more than three kilometers) deep. • Conversion into borosili-

cate glass by mixing the plutonium with sand and other materials and heating it in vitrification" ovens, with the glass logs then placed in an underground repository.

• Blending the plutonium mto a mixed oxide fuel that would then be consumed in commercial nuclear power

All these options "look quite feasible technically," Mr. von-Hippel said, but each also presents difficulties. Deep borehole storage, for example, would require finding a site. Given the intensity of public and congressional opposition to any kind of nuclear waste storage facility, any site proposed is certain to set off a political

In addition, this option would mean leaving the plutonium in weapons-usable form in temporary storage for all the ears required to develop the

Vitrification would convert the plutonium to a form much more difficult to recapture for use, either hy the government or by terrorists. But the United States does not have an operating vitrification plant and, in any case, the government has no repository site for the radioactive glass logs that vitrification would produce.

That leaves conversion to mixed oxide fuel for use as power plant fuel, most likely in existing U.S. or Canadian reactors. The problem with this is that it conflicts with President Bill Clinton's effort to discourage nations such as Russia and classified, it widely is reported Japan from using plutonium as

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## **AMERICAN TOPICS**

#### A Florida Shopping Mall Santa Turns Into Scrooge for 3 Kids

It was more "Bah, humhug," than "Ho, ho, ho," when a surly Santa Claus told a 6-year-old boy be was not getting any presents and challenged the kid's dad to a fight.

Chip and Lori Crabtree had brought their sons, ages 2, 4 and 6, to a shopping mall in Jacksonville, Florida, so the boys could tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Mrs. Crabtree was wearing a T-shirt boosting the University of Florida's sports teams, the Gators. "Santa Claus doesn't like Gator fans."

Mr. Crabtree quoted Santa as saying. "Santa Claus wishes that Florida State would beat the Gators in the Sugar Bowl," a football game to be played Jan.

being rude, the less-than-jolly old soul pushed the 6-year-old off his lap and stood up to poke his white-gloved finger into Mr. Crabtree's chest. "You want to do something about it

When the Crabtrees told Santa be was

right now, pal?" Santa said, according to Mr. Crabtree. "Right bere on stage?"

Mr. Crabtree demurred, mail security jumped in and Santa walked off the job, to the dismay of the other children in

Mall officials apologized, and said they did not know the grumpy Santa's

Mr. Crabtree said later told his boys that had not been the REAL Santa at the mall. But his 6-year-old already knew: "There wasn't any magic in his eyes."

#### Short Takes

Members of the public can now obtain report cards on hospitals. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, a private, nonprofit agency founded in 1951 and based in Chicago, accredits most U.S. bospitals after thorough inspections. It is paid for by the hospital industry and by the American Medical Association. It has long issued its findings only to hospital administrators and, in some cases, to federal officials. Its reports can determine whether a hospital is eligible for taxpayer funds, state licenses and insurance reimbursements. This month, as part of what a spokesman called an effort "to provide more and more information to the public," the agency will start releasing reports of its inspections to anybody who asks for them - and is willing to pay \$30 per hospital.

In Auburn, Washington, a paralyzed victim of muscular dystrophy, Chris Tappan, 23, started across an isolated railroad crossing in his wheelchair and got stuck. Fifteen minutes of effort to get unstuck were unavailing. Then a train whistled its approach. "I started yelling." he recalled. Fortunately, Tom Svendgard, 25, was working nearby and sprinted to the rescue. "When I got to him, the crossing hars came down," Mr. Svend-gard said. He got the wheelchair off the tracks with about five seconds to spare.

Matthew J. Bruccoli, a University of South Carolina professor who bas written or edited 21 books about F. Scott Fitzgerald, parted company with the Cambridge University Press when, on editing a definitive edition of "The Great Gatsby," be came to Mr. Fitzgerald's description of a billboard face so buge "the retinas are one yard high." Since the retinas are the cells at the back of the eye, Mr. Fitzgerald obviously meant "pupils' or "irises." Mr. Bruccoli tried to change the text, but was overruled. "Editing is not rewriting," be complained in the Chronicle of Higher Education. "Editing is not desecration. It is an editor's job to edit." On the other hand, to this day, John Keats, in his poem, "On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer," has Cortez rather than Balboa discovering the Pacific.

International Herald Tribune.

## FORECAST: A Buoyant 1995 Is Predicted

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deficit remains a problem, suggesting that taxes will have to be raised soon after the presidential election next spring.

• The Italian economy will continue to grow and inflation could decline to 2.9 percent in 1995 from its present 3.1 per-cent, but the country will be threatened by a heavy budget deficit as the government is likely to fail to meet its 1995 target for cutting the deficit.

• The British economy will grow hy 3.4 ercent in 1995, but interest rates and

 Mexico, the OECD's newest member should experience growth of more than 4 percent in both 1995 and 1996, up from 2.9 percent this year.

Turning to non-OECD members, the report said that the Chinese economy, like-

ly to grow at 11.5 percent this year and 10 percent in 1995, was overbeated. Efforts to cool down inflation and the overall economy, such as increasing interest rates, could lead to social unrest, it warned.

The OECD report said that growth in the dynamic Asian economies of Hong Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand would be nearly 7.6 percent this year, declining to a still healthy level of 7.2 percent in 1995 and 6.9

These countries are benefiting from intra-regional investment and trade flows, as well as strong growth in big Asian economies such as China, India and Vietnam, all of which are moving toward a more market-oriented economic model.

In Eastern Europe, the economies of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia

#### Projected Growth Percentage change in GDP from previous year 1994 1995 1994 1995 United States 3.9 3.1 2.0 1.0 2.5 3.4 2.8 2.8 3.5 2.2 3.1 3.2 2.2 27 2.9 3.5 3.4 3.0 4.1 4.2 3.9 South and 3.7 4.2 Czech Aepublic 3.0 4.9 5.0 4.0 5.0 5.0 3.5 4.0 5.0 Slovakla 11.5 10.0 9.5 China (GNP) ....

will do better than others in 1995, with the Polisb economy growing hy 5 percent, and the other two by 4 percent in 1995.

## ITALY: The Next Few Days Should Decide Fate of Berlusconi Government

Continued from Page 1 start of a re-election campaign

as an effort to bold on to power. "The election campaign begins tomorrow," Mr. Tatarella

In a speech in Milan that was hroadcast on television on Monday night, Mr. Berlusconi urged his followers to take to

the climax of almost three years turmoil in which Italians have old parties did," shed their corrupt-stained political old guard and tried in vain to find a new way of doing political husiness.

"We do not consider this crisis to be like the others," Mr. the streets in a "great march for Ferrara said, referring to the

liberty" if Parliament votes endless political horse-trading that marked postwar Italian Italy's crisis has now reached politics. "There is no longer the ability to mediate the way the

> The immediate cause of the crisis is the decision by the Northern League - one of the three main elements of the government along with Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia and the neo-Fascist National Alliance — to seek new allies on the centerright and the left in an attempt to form a new government with-

out new elections. Umberto Bossi, the Northern League's tumultuous leader, bas allied bimself with the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communists, as well as with the Popular Party successor to the now defunct Christian Democrats — to muster a claimed 325 of the 630 lower house votes in favor of

toppling the government. It is not clear whether defections from Mr. Bossi's ranks could yet save the day for Mr. Berlusconi, Italian radio said 45 League deputies bad rebelled against Mr. Bossi, hut many Italian analysts say those numbers may not be enough to save Mr. Berlusconi.

Even if Mr. Berlusconi wins in the lower house, though, it is impossible to see how his government can continue in its present form since the hreak between the two men now seems beyond repair, Mr. Berlusconi may be calculating that new elections offer his best chance of political survival.

Mr. Ferrara described new

elections as "the only way to

clean the atmosphere" and said Mr. Berlusconi would demand to stay on as a caretaker until elections are beld, clearly seeking to fight a re-election campaign with all the trappings of high office to support him. To add to the the complex-

ities, a victory in the lower bouse could easily be canceled out in the upper house, the Senate, where Mr. Berlusconi does not have a majority. If Mr. Berlusconi fails, he is

constitutionally obliged to offer

his resignation to President Osthen decide whether to call elec-Mr. Bossi, bowever, wants Mr. Scalfaro to authorize nego-

tiations for a government based on his new alliance — without holding fresh elections in which his fortunes would be doubtful. While the crisis plays out, fi-

nancial markets have fled from the spectacle of a country so consumed with political insurgency that no one seems to be minding the store. The lira fell to a record low of 1,050 against the Deutsche mark on Tuesday. but the government's thoughts seemed to be elsewhere.

"The markets don't vote," said Mr. Ferrara.

## CHIPS: Intel to Replace Pentiums

Continued from Page t designers, scientists, and Wall Street program traders who

make millions of calculations daily.

But the Silicon Valley company found itself under siege last week when IBM Corp., an Intel customer but also a competing chip producer, claimed the Pentium made more mis-

takes than Intel had admitted. Although computer experts said IBM may have stacked its own tests of the Pentium to put the competing chip in the worst light, doubts about the accuracy of Intel's products touched off a handful of lawsuits, thousands of requests for replacements, and public ridicule of the company that has tried to establish its brand name as a generic term like Kleenex or Xerox with its campaign of labeling that a

computer has an "Intel Inside." Reversing his position, Andrew Grove, the Czech-born engineer who has made Intel perhaps the world's most innovative chip maker, admitted he had endured several troubled weeks because "what we view as an extremely minor technical problem has taken on a life of its own."

He issued a public apology and announced a no-questionsasked replacement policy. pledging to install the new chips at no charge. He said consumer complaints tipped the balance because of "what they saw as a high-handed policy of us deciding who needs a replacement."

Charles Boucher of Hambrecht & Quist, a San Francisco firm that specializes in hightech companies, said that Intel was "an engineering company that never had been a consumer

company until now. Engineers like Andy Grove talk their own language, and when they bave a problem, they fax each other about it, fix it, and replace it. That isn't always the way you deal with the pub-

Indeed, an Intel spokesman unconsciously demonstrated how far the company still had to travel when he conceded Tuesday that the past few weeks in the company's history had been an "inflection point" using a technical engineering term to describe a fundamental change. Microsoft did no better; its announcement referred to "beta testers," not bothering to define them as testers of products under development.

## Russia Runs Test On a New Missile

Agence France-Presse

MOSCOW — The Russian military successfully tested a Generalissimo Chiang were alnew intercontinental strategic lowed to control the flow of missile on Tuesday as part of a Allied weapons and ammunidrive to phase out Sovict-era tion into China, "you know

The Topol-M ballistic missile get them."

see produced entirely in Rus"Somehow," General Stilwell was produced entirely in Rus-Soviet missile forces, the agency fight."

replace existing intercontinen-Union's various republies,

On the other side are arrayed no more than 13,000 Chechen fighters, armed with a motley array of weapons but determined to take to the mountains if necessary to fight a guerrilla war against Rossia, much as their ancestors fought off subjugation by Russian czars for decades in the 19th century.

Many people have already been killed and wounded in the fighting, but exactly how many is unclear. The International Red Cross said Tuesday that about 1,000 people had been wounded in Grozny.

**RUSSIA:** 

1991

Tightening Noose

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days ago that 17 soldiers had been killed, but have not issued The Chechens say that bundreds have died in Russian bombing raids, including 120 when residential buildings were hit in the overnight assault on Grozny on Tuesday. Those figures cannot be verified.

A Russian legislator and buman rights activist, Sergei Ko-valyov, who has stationed him-self in Grozny to protest the Russian assault, said that he and his team had seen the bodies of at least 42 civilians killed in recent fighting.

According to the Russian minister for emergency situations, Sergei K. Shoigu, about nearly half of Chechnya's popu-lation of 400,000 people have fled in the last few weeks, 100,000 of them since Russia began its assault.

Mr. Kovalvov, the senior human rights adviser to President Yeltsin, demanded that Russia immediately stop all military assaults and appealed to the no foreign governments recog-United Nations and Western nized the claim, the Chechens countries to intervene, according to Reuters.

But Russian officials made it. But Russian officials made it. Russian conquest in the 19th clear Tnesday that they would century — have been tweaking not tolerate any interference in - Moscow ever since. a matter that they see as entirely mternal. A Foreign Ministry of ficial, Grigori Karasin, said that ficial, Grigori Karasin, said that against Chechnya, each ending in humiliating failure. So, on tional character to the develop- Dec. 11. Mr. Yeltsin sent some ments in Chechnya, to interna-tionalize this internal problem and demanded a swift capitulain Russia," were improper.

### **MUSEUM:** Salute to Stilwell

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Jialing and Yangtze rivers. The fleeing refugees, according to old U.S. Embassy building, reports. Inferior Ministry with its distinctive colonnade, is now a cafeteria for the nursing staff of No. 4 Hospital.

For all its low profile, the sources said, museum contains an impressive photographic record of General Stilwell and of China during the war. There is a visual chronicle of the enormous difficulty of constructing the Burma Road, built hy the Allies over some of the world's roughest terrain to supply the Nationalists from India; the dangers faced by the fliers of "The Hump," who brought military cargo over the Himalayas while the Burma Road was under construction, and the glory of the "Flying Tigers," the American volunteer pilots who fought for the

Nationalists. There are curiosities that can only be donated to collections like this one.

One example is the photo of a grinning American flier named william Taylor posing for a snapshot with Mao Zedong after his plane was shot down in July 1945 and Communist guerrillas delivered him to Mao's remote base in Shaanxi Proversity Proversity of the bandits. Shaanxi Proversity of the bandits of the bandits of the bandits of the bandits.

From the standpoint of the was his interest in Mao's forces. He dispatched a military observer mission led by a fluent Chinese speaker, Colonel David D. Barrett, who reached Mao's guerrilla base in Yanan

on July 23, 1944. Colonel Barrett charmed the Communist commanders as they charmed him. The museum features one photograph of Kang Keqing, the wife of Mao's top general, Zhu De, presenting

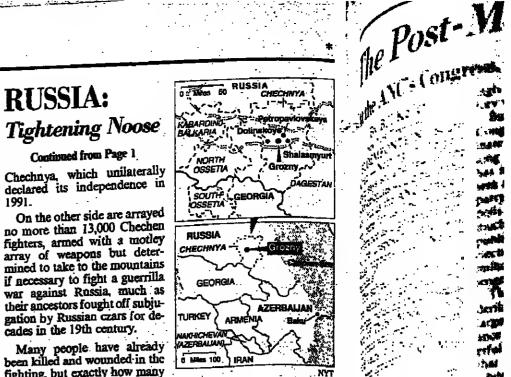
flowers to him.

The effusive diplomatic and journalistic reporting about the simple and uncorrupt vigor of the Communist forces was the hasis for many recriminations during the American congressional anti-Communist inquiries of the 1950s.

But for General Stilwell, it was just a matter of who would fight the Japanese. He complained to his boss, General George C. Marshall, that if weapons, the Itar-Tass news who will get them," adding, agency reported. "You also know who will not

sia, making it a vital step in the argued, "we must get arms to development of Russia's post- the Communists, who will

iid. He was clearly unimpressed
The Topol-M will gradually with the Nationalist leader, who preferred to be addressed hy his tal missiles, which were de-formal title as "generalissimo." signed by teams from the Soviet General Stilwell referred to him most often as "Peanut."



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# Russian officials said several A No-Win Battle

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any casualty figures since then. forces, with perhaps 1.5 million men, along with Interior Ministry troops can defeat the Chechen fighters, who are thought to number in the low thousands. The Chechens have no air force and few heavy weap-

> In part, the Russian troops slow progress appears to reflect a genuine reluctance to take casualties or hurt civilians.

But the events of the last days, since Mr. Yeltsin sent tanks, troops and warplanes into Chechnya from three directions, have humbled the once proud Red Army and made a mockery of Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev's early boasts.

"It would be possible to resolve all questions in two hours with one parachute regiment. Mr. Grachev said on Nov. 27.

Chechnya, a mountainous, landlocked region 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) south of Moscow, declared its independence three years ago. Although -a proud and combative Muslim people who fiercely resisted

Last summer, Russia began mounting covert operations

Instead, while officials in Moscow have offered daily reassurances of quick victory, it has failed to materialize.

Some formations have refused orders to move forward for fear of harming civilians, but others have wantonly killed fleeing refugees, according to troops killed nine civilians over the weekend and flattened their cars with armored vehicles,

While reporters have found morale high among some Russian troops, other units have vowed not to fight at all. Some soldiers have asked local citizens to burn their vehicles so that they will not have to fight, said Viktor Kurochkin, a member of Parliament.

Pavel Felgengauer, a military specialist for Sevodnya, wrote that most troops sent to Chechnya are young and untested in combat. The army and Interior Ministry troops, thrown together here, have not trained in joint operations.

But perhaps most difficult for the troops has been the lack of clear direction and planning at the top. "The army is depressed by

who just returned from the re-

defending Grozny, the senior military brass evidently misled Communists, however, the importance of General Stilwell task would be, a Western anatask would be, a Western analyst said. "I think they underestimated both the level of force required

and the timetable," the analyst said. "When they bought off on a military solution, they bought off a real tough nut to crack." The Russians are facing par-

tisan warfare in mountamous terrain, with extended lines of communication and no easy way to resupply their troops. The fog, snow and short days cancel much of Russia's advantage in air power. The troops' reluctance to hurt civilians, including many ethnic Russians who live in Grozny, further complicates campaign, the Western analyst said.

#### Egypt Seeks to Cut Cost Of Border Monitors

CAIRO — Egypt wants to cut the costs of the multinational force that monitors the Egyptian-Israeli border, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Tuesday during a visit to Cairo by President Ezer Weizman of

"There is no problem with the multinational force," Mr. Moussa said. "It's just the ques-tion of the high expenses." Egypt, Israel and the United States split the costs, but Mr. Moussa did not say what they were. The United States provides the largest contingent, about 1,000 men.

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## The Post-Mandela Puzzle At the ANC's Congress, a Lively but Unspoken Concern

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — Nothing on the program says so, and few of the 3,000 delegates would put it this way, but as the ANC coogress met here for its first national conference as a governing party, the unspoken topic was, What happens after Nelson Mandela?

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The subject was implicit in the sense of generational change, including the coosecra-tion of Thabo Mbeki, a wily diplomat who spent the apartheid years in foreign exile, as the heir apparent to Mr. Man-

to shore up the party machine to make it less dependent on Mr. Mandela's unifying moral authority and his matchless

ahility to raise money.

It was there in the party's efforts to tighteo its grip on its memhers of the Parliament and government, some of wbom are accused of being seduced by the trappings of office.

about what the party stands for. of giving up their three seats in In the closed sessions where the party airs its differences, some have begun to questioo Mr. province they control. Mandela's emphasis oo economic growth and racial reconciliation rather than on black power and the redistribution of

To be sure, Mr. Mandela, 76, does oot act like a lame duck. He remains robust and dizzy-

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ingly popular, and his coocilia-

tory visino prevails. But the African National Congress seems certain to dominate South African politics long after Mr. Mandela, who has indicated he is unlikely to seek a second term in 1999. The party has strong support in polls and, although drained of much talent by the exodus into public office and burdened by election dehts estimated at \$20 million, it has on serious chal-

lengers.
The National Party of Frederik W. de Klerk survives largely as a token of reassurance for the economically pow-It was visible in the attempts that role is diminishing as white husinessmen and generals cut their own separate deals with the ANC

The Pan Africanist Congress, which has posed for years as the militant alternative, won less than 2 percent of the popular vote, and is now fracturing internally.

The lnkatha Freedom Party is a provincial power, so much And it was there in the debate so that some of its leaders talk Mr. Mandela's coalitioo Cabinet to focus on the mainly Zulu

The only potential challenge to the ANC is from within, and here in Bloemfontein there has been no sign that an open split

Despite some dissent over whether the party has been too accommodating to the white minority, the congress has a unity that sometimes feels more religious than political, as when delegates rock the rafters with joyous hymns to their leaders.

The cohesion comes oot so much from an identity of views as from commoo membership in a grand cause, combined agreements inside the family.

A good example is the way the party, after threats of an actimonious succession strug-gle, has unified behind Mr. Mbeki, who is already deputy president in the government, to support his ascension to the same position in the party.

This elevation is confirmation of his status as presidentin-waitiog, because in South Africa it is the winning party, not the electorate, that oames

Mr. Mbeki's most formidable prospective rival, Cyril Ramaphosa, tacitly acquiesced by agreeing to stay on as party sec-retary-general, essentially chief operating officer. Mr. Mbeki, 52, is generally

regarded as a vote for cootinuity and balance. He is widely assumed to be Mr. Mandela's favorite (though the president has carefully avoided saying

The main question about the charming Mr. Mbeki is whether he is 100 eager to please every-

"He can he diplomatic to the point where many people regard him as weak," Mr. Mandela ooce said of his protégé. That is not a great problem as

long as there is a consensus oo the balance between stability and change, between comforting the 5 million whites with their vital capital and skills and delivering benefits for the 30 millioo blacks who provided most of the organization's

But if the government fails to produce visible improvements in the lives of blacks, pressures will grow for what Mr. Mandela calls "a hlind pursuit of cheap popularity.

To resist the pressure will require a toughness and moral authority that Mr. Mandela with a knack for keeping dis- cannot automatically pass on



Cyril Ramaphosa being carried shoulder high after re-election as ANC secretary-general.

## **ANC Elects Woman to Leadership Post**

**BLOEMFONTEIN**, South Africa — African National Congress members completed their top leadership roster Tuesday, electing a woman, Cheryl Carolus, as deputy secretary general and Jacob Zuma, a Zulu politician, as national chair-

On Monday, President Nel-

leaders running unopposed were elected to four other senior positions. With the top six posts determined, delegates to the ANC's 49th national conference moved on Tuesday to elections for the national executive. the party's 80-member governing body.

The national executive election had caused some cootroversy at the conference, the soo Mandela and three other ANC's first since it became the

governing party. Mr. Mandela had proposed that a committee cominate a list of candidates for the governing hody, in hopes of increasing the number of women and nonhlack leaders. But ANC members rejected his suggestion, protesting that having nominations dictated from above would be undemocratic. Nominations will come from the floor, as has been oor-

## Japan, in Rare Move, Seeks to Cut Budget

TOKYO - The canioe: cials said adopted a Finance Ministry draft of the national budget Tuesday that would cut spending for the first time in 40 years. Dwindling tax revenues are behind the decision to seek a 2.9 percent decrease in the hudget for the 1995-96 fiscal year, starting in April, to 70.99 tril-lion yen (\$709 billioo). It would be the first spending drop since

Finance Minister Masavoshi Takemura warned that balancing the budget would become even tougher in the future.

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"Fiscal cooditioos are expected to become tougher and tougher down the road even for a hudget for a single year." he

Although the Japanese ecoo-World War II, tax revenues are uary for approval.

unlikely to recover rapidly, offi-

Japan will slow the rate of

increase in military spending, with next year's hudget marking the smallest growth in 35 years. The Finance Ministry set the 1995-96 military budget at \$47.2 billion, up 0.86 percent from fiscal 1994.

Slower growth will he achieved through minor reduc-tions in procurement plans for taoks and jet fighters and through a plan to raise military retirement ages, officials said. Japan, the world's top aid do-

nor, also plans to hold down growth in its official development assistance hudget to a record low in 1995-96. The draft hudget sets a growth rate of 3.2 percent for development assistance, at \$10.9 hillion.

The draft budget is expected omy is seen gradually moving to be finalized Dec. 25 before out of its worst recessioo since being sent to Parliament in Jan-

## Gore Visit to China Weighed As a 'Trial Run' for Clinton

New York Times Service

BELJING - The United States and China are discussing a visit here next year by Vice President Al Gore or Hillary Rodham Clinton as a "trial ruo" for a state visit by President Bill Clinton, Western officials here say.

Mr. Clinton has been reluctant to visit China because of that country's repressive human-rights practices and has privately admonished the leadership to make improvements before any visit can be considered, the officials say.

The discussions are part of a continued effort by the White House and China's party leaders to improve contacts as the health of the senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, deteriorates.

Thus a Gore trip "would be a trial run in a lot of respects," a Western diplomat said. One Western official said that if an environmental conference could not be organized, then Mr. Gore, or perhaps Mrs. Clintoo, could lead a U.S. delegation to attend a UN conference oo women in September.

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ANTA MONICA, California - In one scene, Macaulay Culkin screams deliriously as he rounds a mrn in his very own backyard roller coaster. In another, the family butler opens wide the doors of the young bildise as his awe-struck friends look to him and say, "You have look to him and say, "You have your own McDonald's!"

That's right: Richie Rich, the comic-book sensation of a generation back, has hlasted out of retirement and onto the big screen. The trailer is everywhere in the United States these days, Harvey Comics Entertainment. "Richie Rich" the movie opens on Wednesday and if all goes as planned, the merchandising flood linked to the trademark - from T-shirts to video games to fast-food tie-ins - will be

Trademark — that's the word that really excites Jeffrey Montgomery, 30, the chief executive of Harvey Entertainment Co., which owns the Richie Rich character. He has watched huge marketing riches flow from films like "The Lion King" and 'Jurassic Park" and wants to get in on the game.

And he seems likely to have a shot at it, considering the potent names attached to the film: the producers Joel Silver (best known for the "Lethal Weapon" and "Die Hard" movies) and John Davis ("The Firm" and the forthcoming "Water-world," with Kevin Costner).

But it is Montgomery who is the driving force behind Richie Rich's rebirth. "Ask me if I'd rather have a studio with 10,000 could be bought outright.

employees or a trademarked character," he said and "Td

take the character any day." That has been his goal ever since he emerged from the University of Southern California film school in 1988. That was the year the Teenage Mutant Nînja Turtles were on the move, making their way toward their first film, which would earn \$51 million in its first two weeks, found in hit characters.

Armed with a development deal with Columbia Pictures, he went on the prowl for trademarked characters to base a film on. That search bore fruit at a dormant company called Founded in 1939 hy three brothers, Alfred, Leon and Robert Harvey, the company enjoyed a remarkable run from the mid-'50s to the mid-'70s, mixing comic-book publishing with animated television and product licenses.

FTER buying the comic-book rights to characters like Casper the Friendly Ghost and Baby Huey, the Harveys went on to create their own char-acters — Richie Rich, Hot Stuff and Wendy the Good Little Witch. Yet as the brothers aged — they have all since died — they groomed no successors to manage their film and publishing library. By the early '80s. revenues had almost dried up. Enter Montgomery, his head

dancing with visions. After a call to Harvey's offices in New York City, be quickly realized not only that there was a possibility of getting film rights to a character but that the company

issory notes and \$3 million contributed by a college friend, Ahmad ibn Khalid al Saud of the Saudi royal family, he bought it for \$7.5 million and moved it to California. To raise working capital, he sold a stake to

MCA/Universal for \$3 million. So now Montgomery is poised to make his leap to the big time. And he has a team that wouldn't be on board if it didn't smell success. Silver's films have grossed nearly \$2 billion, and Warner, which has built successful franchises around characters like Superman and Batman, presumably wouldn't put its formidable marketing, publicity and production resources behind a movie with an estimated budget of \$35 million without being confident that it can recoup its investment in box-office receipts

Moreover, another character from the Harvey archives is set for the star treatment, too. The same production team that spearheaded "Jurassic Park" — Amblin Productions, headed by Steven Spielberg, and Industrial Light and Magic, George Lucas's special-effects company—will bring the ghostly Casper to life again in a film set to open on Magazini Day, In set to open on Memorial Day. In "Casper." which uses complex 3-D tech-nology, the Friendly Ghost will interact with live actors just as cartoon characters did in "Who

and video rentals.

Framed Roger Rahbit?" And perhaps most important for the long term, in November Harvey and MCA/Universal announced the creation of the Harvey-Universal animation studio, to be located on the Universal lot and devoted to creating new animated series and possible features based on Harvey characters.

The final concert in this se-

ries was given at the Théâtre du

Châtelet as part of a double

collaboration between the the-

ater and orchestra - part of the

Châtelet's own ongoing Beetho-

ven survey and as one of a series

of youth concerts. The youthful

audience was remarkably atten-

tive for music that makes no

concession, although the final

ovations were accompanied by

a couple of paper airplanes cir-

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cling the auditorium.



Sian Reeves with the snowmen in Hans Christian Andersen's classic story. "The Little Match Girl." at the Lyric Hammersmith.

## Kushner Moves From America to Russia

By Sheridan Morley
International Herald Tribune

ONDON - For those of us, ca" is the most overhlown, over-hyped and over-the-top theatrical experience of the '90s thus far, his new "Slavs!" (at the Hampstead) comes as something of a relief. First, it runs only about 90 nointerval minutes, and second, it begins to suggest that from inside that windy,

LONDON THEATER sentimental, proselytizing giant a disciplined dramatist might be trying to

make an exit. "Angels in America" was a ghastly example of what can happen when an agenda takes over from an art. "Slavs!" on the other hand knows enough to let its audience do some of the thinking. It has no definable plot, but its theme is the collapse of communism over the last decade. Thus we get to meet the old granitestatue commissars, wonderfully carica-tured by Peter Copley and Peter Bayliss, as well as the victims of Chernobyl and those trying to preserve some sort of faith in a corrupt and now defunct system.

ern perception of it. Kushner's characters and we are admittedly a minor- are no longer in search of a Chekhov to ity, who believe that Tony ity, who believe that whether be's writing social satire or political tragedy about a nation still torn between another hamburger franchise and the need to preserve its dead leaders' brains in bottles. But "Slavs!" is at least less of a mess than its subject.

> The Donmar Warehouse follows its triumphant 1983 "Cabaret" with another classic, angry Berlin musical in close-up on its studio stage. Sadly, however, that's where the similarity ends. Although "The Threepenny Opera" has been given some wondrous new lyrics by Jeremy Sams, a decision to move it back to the original London (of "The Beggar's Opera") and then update it to the coronation of 2001 leads, in Phyllida Lloyd's agile production, to a considerably uncertain mood.

True, "Opera" has always presented

murderous intentions.

The idea that he has a gay friendship with Simon Dormandy's police chief is mooted, as Robert David MacDonald's new translation tries to make some sort of coherent sense of an always and deliberately ramshackle plot. But the truth is, sacrilege though this must be to Brecht/Weill fans, that "The Threepenny Opera" is now considerably the worse for wear. Nevertheless, a powerful cast and Gary Yershon's small band manage to hold the fort, while time and again Sam's savage new lyrics ("We'll help the foreigner to meet the coroner") suggest that at long, long last Brecht has found a worthy translator over here.

John Gay to a fictional 1900 London, message about the dangers inherent in required center stage.

Matthew Lloyd's sleight-of-hand production offers a series of sketches from current Russian life, or at least the Westgood political jokes but no real frame, while giving "Mack the Kmife" to Jenny alone (wonderfully though she is sung by Tara Hugo) inevitably diminishes the status of MacHeath, played here by Tom Hollander as a cockney rock star with weird snowman partnership, but in the end the production is fatally undecided about its catchment area: children in search of seasonal fantasy, or jaded parents hoping for a better drama?

"The Mercury Workshop Revue" at the new Jermyn Street Theatre is a brave attempt to recapture a long-dead theatrical form, with bittersweet love songs alternating with satirical topical sketches, most of which fall very flat indeed. The songs, however, are something else: a haunting number about a divorced, single-parent father, and some anti-lullables by Kit Hesketh-Harvey and James McConnel suggest that we still have the songwriting talent and now a Neil Bartlett's inventively off-center new space in which to celebrate its cabanew regime at the Lyric Hammersmith ret appeal. All we need is a frame in comes up with its first Christmas treat, which performers such as Janie Dee and Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Steven Pacey can work without having problems of time and place, but while Match Girl," which now comes to us to stand around grinning self-conscious-Brecht brought it 200 years forward from complete with a politically correct final ly at the audience when not actually

## Beethoven Days in Paris

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARIS - At 71, Wolfgang Sawallisch is the latest in the long line of distinguished graduates of a lifetime in German opera houses. After more than two decades as music and artistic director of the Bavarian State Opera in his native Munich, be has closed the door on the hurlyhurly of theater life to become the music director - only the third since Stokowski - of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

He has been in Paris for the last couple of weeks for his first, but not last, encounter with the Orchestre de Paris for a project hatched in the fertile mind of the late Pierre Vozlinsky, the orchestra's administrative director. The plan, stretching over this and four more Decembers, is simply to do all the major Beethoven orchestral and choral works, culminating in 1998 with the Missa Solemnis. Since this exercise is laid out

in a generally chronological way, the first round has brought the first two symphonies, the violin concerto, the Triple Concerto, and a pair of overtures. The results sounded promising for the orchestra's health and showed the maestro — generally sober and emotionally reticent at work - in relaxed form, with performances rich in rhythmic vitality and dynamic subtlety, and the orchestra alert and responsive.

The 29-year-old Frank Peter Zimmermann was the poised of the piano sonatas, a perforand eloquent soloist in the vio- mance of superbly controlled lin concerto, while the Triple explosiveness, and Olivier Concerto hrought together Charlier and Brigitte Engerer Gerhard Oppitz (piano), Hein-made an elegantly matched duo concerts of essentially early works, it was the dramatic intensity of the third "Leonore" Overture that gave a glimpse into the heroie future.

rich Schiff (cello) and Sergei in the violin-piano sonatas.

Stadler (violin). But in these Meanwhile, the Orchestre National de France has entered the sweepstakes with the first of five concerts this season, under Charles Dutoit and Jeffrey Tate, that will cover all the sym-

phonies. After all, Paris was early on the Beethoven bandwagon, when the Orchestre du Conservatoire began playing his symphonies in 1828, a year after the By Mike Zwerin

tional Herald Tribune

ing Beethoven cycles, Abdel ARIS - Helen Merrill Rahman El Bacha reached the calls herself "one of the guys." Bud Powell, Bill Evans, Pepper Adams, Oscar Pettiford, Tom Harrell "Appassionata" in his traversal . . you know, the guys. She's worried that it might sound pompous to say she sang with She sang duets with Billie Holiday in Leonard Feather's house. These people were not icons. they were all in it together.

She speaks with a sensual hoarseness that comes from her pipes, not cigarettes and whiskey: "We had a lot of courage, we had that in common. Doing what we did when we did it wasn't easy." Musicians pro-tected her "like their sister."

Clifford Brown to play behind her on her first, eponymous, album in 1954. Brown, who died at age 25 in a car accident, had just toured Europe in Lionel Hampton's trumpet section and was about to form his seminal quartet with Max Roach. Forty years later, Merrill's latest album is called "Brownie." Brown's approval rating is almost too overwhelming to be true (so is hers) and for many years Merrill avoided singing the classie ballad "f Remember

ute despite those fears. Meanwhile "Helen Merrill" has sold close to 800,000 copies in Japan, where she lived for five years, learned the language

Clifford" because she was

afraid it might come across as

"crass." She produced her trib-

"You'd Be So Nice to Come club. Merrill says she was "nev-ceive royalties from her hit Japa-Home To" from that album is crimterested in drugs" because nese album. like a pop hit, audiences appland the introduction. Gil ("Sketches of Spain") Evans arranged for her. Linda Ronstadt copied Merrill's phrasing and inflection. The avant-garde composer La Monte Young described her as "not just the greatest of jazz singers - one of the greatest singers period." She's worked club dates in the Hamptons with Elvin Jones. Chiek Corea accompanied her at the Village Vanguard.

Helen Merrill: Waiting to Be Discovered

She grew up Helen Milcetie in the Bronx in a family of Croatian origin. Around the house, her mother used to sing the sort of microtonal East European folksongs that inspired Bartók. Although she sang Jerome Kern too, her mother would never and became a star. The song have dreamed of doing it in a

"I didn't want to hurt my parents, and anyway I had no interest in that lifestyle. I guess Ross, Blossom Dearie, Morga-

ranger Torrie Zito ("I get jealous when he writes a beautiful arrangement for someone else.") They live on East 83d New York City and move com-

Merrill is part of a community of singers including Annie 72 to 34

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you could call me 'square.' na King and Carmen McRae: Square as a person and one of "We were all very different but the guys with the musicians. I very friendly. Billie was a little was always just interested in bit lofty but not really. Dinah Washington was a shoe freak and she used to reprimand me ERRILL is now when I'd go on stage wearing married to the re- my evening gown and forget to spected pianist-ar- change my walking shoes."

She reflects that she used to "wear shades" hut now likes to consider herself a "young person who wears glasses." Asked Street near Lexington Avenue in how she manages to keep looking so youthful, she laughs: "I fortably in the company of peo- told you. By not smoking that ple with financial and political awful dope. I haven't been dispower who love jazz. After con- covered yet so I have to keep a fronting her record company certain reserve of energy in case with lawyers, she began to re- it happens one day."

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IRVING BERLIN: A Daughter's Memoir

By Mary Ellin Barrett. 320 pages. \$23. Simon and Schuster,

Reviewed by John Eaton

ASK your average citizen of the 1990s about the songwriter Irving Berlin and you're likely to hear something like this: "Let's see, didn't he write White Christmas' and 'God Bless America'? And live to be 101?" He did indeed -and, sad to say, this paltry list of cliches is about all that many people now remember of this brilliant and contradictory man, an American hero as improbable as he was totally real.

Fortunately, we now have two books, both published since Berlin's death in 1989. First came Lawrence Bergreen's splendid full-scale biography, 'As Thousands Cheer." in 1992. And now there is this beautifully written memoir by

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Berlin's eldest daughter, Mary Ellin Barrett.

His daughter reveals that her famous father lived his life in compartments. There was the songwriter, the "inexplicable, singular genius," largely uneducated, who invented the 20thcentury American popular song. Then there was the millionaire music publisher and self-made entrepreneur. And there was the devoted husband and father. Barrett has a lot to tell us about this last category, and all of it bears out the truth that Berlin, unlike some show biz dads, was an unusually warm, affectionate and attentive parent.

The other amazing half of the Berlin story revolves around the author's remarkable mother, El-lin Mackay Berlin. In her open-ing chapter, Barrett has given us as intimate and complete a picture as we are likely to have of the celebrated Berlin-Mackay romance, courtship and marriage --- events that rocked fash- growing up in the shadow of

lectable headlines in the mid-1920s. Defying her fabulously rich, Catholic and socially prominent father and thereby risking disinheritance, Ellin Mackay in 1926 eloped with Irving Berlin,

**BOOKS** 

grant songwriter. Combining remembered conversations, letters and other family lore, Barrett skillfully lets this great American story unfold. In some ways this is the most satisfying chapter in the book, even though it involves events the author did not experience firsthand.

an unacceptable Jewish immi-

Throughout she displays amazing recall of the minutiae of her own childhood and adolescence, the various places the Berlins lived in New York and California, trips abroad and family gatherings. However, the deeper emotional issues are left largely to the reader's imagination. One can't help wanting to know more of the author's ionable New York and made de- anti-Semitism. As a child half-

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Jewish and half-Catholic, the daughter of two celebrated people, she had one foot in the privileged world of New York's Brearley School and the other in a world peopled by Irving Thalberg, Sam Goldwyn and Ethel Merman.

In their own way, the author's conflicts are the same that her parents experienced and struggled to overcome. As the dramatic core of the whole Berlin saga, they continue to fascinate and inspire, but that is not the book Barrett wanted to write, or indeed should have written. She has given us, in-stead, an invariably interesting. honest and personal memoir.

John Eaton, a pianist whose series on American popular composers has been broadcast on public television, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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Finance	113.17	112.72	+0.40	Consumer Goods	102.77	102.82	-0.05
Services	111,280	112.00	-0.64	Miscellaneous	116.17	115.30	+0.75

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## **GATT** Rescues Glaxo's Star Drug

LONDON - Shares of Glaxo PLC surged to a 9-month high Tuesday after the company said its patent for the hlockhuster anti-ulcer drug Zantac would be extended in accordance with provisions in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Glaxo said its U.S. patent for ranitidine hydrochloride, the active iogredient io Zantac, would be extended to July 25, 1997, from an original expiration date of Dec. 5, 1995. This could mean oearly \$5 billion in additional U.S. sales for the British drug maker.

Zantac, the world's best-selling prescription drug, generated U.S. sales of £2.1 billion (\$3.28 hillion) io the 1994 fiscal year, accounting for 37 percent of the company's total 1994 rev-

Glaxo said the company expected to henefit from the change in the American patent laws due to its "significant U.S. sales," but said the total gain was still unknown.

Shares in the company closed 23 pence higher, or 3.6 percent, at 662 pence. Glaxo American depositary receipts were quoted in late trading up 75 cents, at \$20.50.

"This improves Glaxo's fundamentals - reducing ooe large element of risk," said Franc Gregori, an analyst at Parihas Capital Markets. "It brings in a minimum protectioo of 18 months."

Mr. Gregori said the new patent provision will give Glaxo protection from the rival drug makers Genpharm International Inc., Novopbarm Ltd. and Geneva Pharmaceuticals Inc., which are already developing generic forms of the ulcer medi-

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## France Keeps Swatch Car German Unions Fail to Unwind Plans

By Brandon Mitchener nal Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - Ignoriog protests from German organized labor and local politicians, Daimler-Benz and Switzerland's SMH announced Tuesday that they would huild their new two-passenger Swatchmobile town car in

France.
Daimler called the Freoch area of Sarreguemines-Hamhach, on the border with Germany's Saarland state, "an ideal production site" that offered "favorable logistics, significantly lower labor costs and greater flexibility in production."

The first cars, which the Mercedes ehairman, Helmut Werner, described as a "specialized city ruoabout," are scheduled to leave the assembly line in 1997 and sell for "well below" 20,000 Deutsche marks (ahout \$12,500). "We're defining a completely oew market segment with enormous growth potential,"

Daimler's Mercedes-Benz AG and the watchmaker Société Suisse Microèlectronique & d'Horlogerie SA own 51 percent and 49 percent, respectively, of the vecture.

But Erwin Teufel, the premier of the Ger-

man state where Daimler and Mercedes are based, called the decision to build the Swatchmobile in France "a red alert for Germany." and the head of Mercedes's in-house workers'

council, Karl Feuerstein, called it a "slap io

the face of Daimler's German employees. Though the final assembly of the car will generate only 1,900 of an estimated 9,000 new jobs overall, German union representatives have tried to portray the decision as a betrayal of German labor's receot restraint in wage negotiations.

Despite labor concessions, however, it is still considerably easier to operate a factory in three shifts, six days a week, in France than in Germany, according to Mercedes.

"There are 275 working days a year in France versus 242 in Germany, and the average French manufacturing industry employee earns 28 Deutsche marks an hour, the average German, 42 Deutsche marks an hour," said Christian Dau, a Mercedes spokesman.

Industry sources estimate that huilding the car in France instead of Germany will save Mercedes and SMH 80 million to 100 million Deutsche marks a year. Mercedes and SMH have said that at least

3,900 jobs would be created in Germany and more than 1,000 in Switzerland, particularly in development and components manufacturing. In addition to other geographical considerations, including subsidies, Daimler's chairman, Edzard Reuter, has cited France's im-

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## BBC Can't Wait to Enter U.S.

By Erik Ipsen
emational Herald Tribune

Mr. Werner said,

LONDON - The BBC said Tuesday that it would offer its Network in its home market.

New York, represents an acceleration of the BBC's plans. Originally BBC Worldwide another international news Television, the for-profit arm of British Broadcasting Corp., had Until now, it has only been planned to launch its news- broadcast outside the United based channel in the second States. In London, a CNN Inhalf of the year.

cations Commission, the regu- to home distribution. lator of the U.S. cable industry,

to allow cable companies to of- hours per day in Spanish-lanfer six oew basic channels from guage programming. the beginning of the year.

competition with Cable News will always be a niche channel in a market that is very well The announcement, made in served and sophisticated.

As of the first of the year that market will also he served hy channel, CNN International. ternational spokesman said that That date was moved up to the channel would have one take advantage of a recent deci-million subscribers when it besion by the Federal Communi- gins, mostly via direct satellite

It will also offer six half

BBC executives refused to re-"We don't approach the U.S. veal what size audience they are television news service in the market lightly, said Phil John- aiming for. They insisted their United States beginning in Feb-stooe, a BBC Worldwide channel, known as BBC World, ruary, putting it in head-to-bead spokesman in London. "We will offer a less news intensive mix than CNN, It will include documentaries and lifestyle pieces. Initially it will offer ooe hour a day of programming created specifically for East Coast prime-time broadcast, a figure that is expected to rise to four to six bours a day by the end of the

BBC World will be distributnational News Network, an offshoot of the Nebraska-based cable operator Cable USA. INN's chairman is Reese & Ouist. Schonfeld, the founding president of Cable News Network.

## **Microsoft Delay** On Windows **Hurts Shares**

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday its new operating system, Windows 95, might oot be available until August, the third delay for a product it was originally supposed to ship this month.

The oews sent Microsoft's shares skidding \$2.75, to \$59.875, in trading of 14.4 million shares, more than four times the daily average for one of the most frequently traded issues on any American ex-change. Other software issues also fell, leaving the broader market with a loss for the day.

While some analysts lowered their estimates for Microsoft's 1995 financial year, which ends June 30, others said they had assumed revenue from Windows 95 would fall more heavily in the next financial year in any case.

Microsoft could still take in more than \$1 billion in sales of Windows 95 in the product's first 12 months, they said. Still, the oews was a hlow and

underscored the fact that the sheer volume of errors to be fixed before the product is deemed ready for the public remained high.

Microsoft made its announcement at 6:30 A.M. California time, just half an hour after Intel Corp. said it was reversing its position on replacements for its defective Pentium microprocessor. While Microsoft officials insisted the two events were unrelated, both showed the challenge of making technology acceptable in consumer products.

ed in the United States by Inter- no way they could meet the shipping dates Microsoft was costing more in terms of the espousing," said Bruce Lupat-kin, an analyst with Hambrecht of things that you just can't get

see additional incremental de- electronics goods.

lays," be said. "Ultimately, Microsoft will face a choice of delaying the delivery date further or starting to take features out."

Microsoft did oot release specific information about the problems in Windows 95, but it said they related to compatibility between the software and the wide range of hardware and peripheral products with which the program will have to work.

Microsoft said it had shipped the "secood beta," industry jar-See WINDOWS, Page 10

## U.S. Set Record In October Trade

Gap With Japan

WASHINGTON - Consumer appetites for imported goods helped America's trade deficit with Japan set a record in October, the Commerce Department said Tuesday,

The overall U.S. deficit on trade in goods and services widened 8.4 percent from a revised September figure, to \$10.14 bil-lion. But the deficit in trade with Japan surged 24 percent, to \$6.66 billion, eclipsing the old record of \$6.40 billion set in October 1986,

Analysts said the deficit might widen further, partly because U.S. demand for imported goods was strong heading into the Christmas season,

"If you look at the bug count, and estimate how much code with DRI/McGraw Hill Inc. in will have to be written, there's Lexington, Massachusetts, said, "Not only are Japanese goods of things that you just can't get anywhere else but from Japan," "I wouldn't be surprised to especially popular consumer-

## The Way to an Auto Buyer's Heart

By James Bennet

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Toyota Motor Corp. believes it may have hit oo the right technique to get through to young people today: a combination of daytime television and free food.

Groping for a fresh way to promote the 1995 model of its small car, the Tercel, Toyota decided to try its first infomercial, testing a 28-minute advertisement in New York and Los Angeles during No-

Sales of imported vehicles are expected to slow in Japan next year. Page 13.

vember. Toyota was hoping for a way to make the Tercel stick out from among its numerous competitors, which include Honda's Civic, Chrysler's Neon and General Motors's Saturn. The results were so encouraging that last week Toyota began broad-casting the advertisement in 15 U.S. markets.

The infomercial features comments from unidentified young Tercel buyers and cus-

duct specialists describing fea-

ing what they are looking for, and from youthful Toyota pro- formation. toll-free number for more in- sion, when they do, at off hours," he said. tures of the car. It also includes be a superb vehicle for reach-

A highly caffeinated hostess, Molly Scott, periodically
bounced into the picture to
urge callers to telephone a they also tend to watch televi-

The infomercial proved to interviews on the street with young people, some of whom, Toyota said, were actors.

De a superb venicie for reaching the target audience, 18- to 35-year-olds, said Irving A. Miller, corporate advertising

## Honda Tops U.S. Rivals

WASHINGTON — America's biggest exporter of cars is neither American, nor big. It is Honda North America Inc., which Tuesday became the only automaker to export more than 100 000 processors are in 1995 from the United States. 100,000 passenger cars in 1995 from the United States.

That put little Honda Motor Corp. in league with General Motors Corp., the world's biggest car company. The last year that GM shipped more than 100,000 cars abroad from the United States was 1981, when the company sent 125,661 passenger cars overseas. Through September of this year, GM had exported only 38,771 cars.

Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., the second- and thirdlargest U.S. automakers, have never had exports of 100,000 passenger cars from the United States.

Honda began making cars in Japan three decades ago, when its U.S. competitors were veterans. Honda started U.S. car production in 1982, becoming the first Japanese carmaker to do so. By 1987, Honda had come full circle, building in the United States and exporting to Japan and 35 other countries.

**CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES** 

The decline of the dollar against the yen, which hegan in 1985 and made it expensive to manufacture in Japan, played a big role in that turnaround. Japanese carmakers currently hold about 24 percent of the U.S. market. tomers in dealerships describ-

Other carmakers bave experimented with infomercials, hut oone has invested heavily io the format yet. As a result the Tercel ad has the virtue of standing out from the crowd of 30-second spots showing cars racing through deserts.

While the effects of normal TV advertisements are hard to measure, Toyota started track-ing the infomercial's results immediately. About 7,000 people in the two markets called to order more information during the three-week tests.

The Los Angeles test drew more responses than the one in New York, because in Los Angeles Toyota also offered a free "night on the town" to anyone who requested the brochure and then visited a dealer to test-drive a Tercel.

The evening out, the info-mercial explains, consists of movie tickets and dinner for two at "one of America's favorite restaurants" — a Chili's Grill & Bar, in Los Angeles. Ads with the offer garnered twice the response of those without, so Toyota incorporated it in its general campaign. "They went for the burger ev-ery time," Mr. Miller said.

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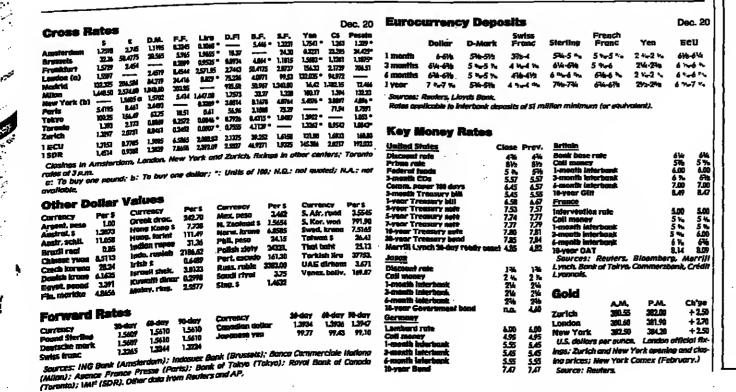
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## Dollar, Like Fed, **Stands Its Ground**

NEW YORK - The dollar er little changed Tunday after the market waited for most of the day to hear that the Federal Reserve Board had decided to

leave interest rates unchanged. Traders ascribed little lasting significance to the central

#### Foreign Exchange bank's decision, made at its pol-

icy-making Open Market Committee meeting. 'This doesn't mean anything," said Jim Powers, senior currency dealer at Royal Bank

of Canada in New York. "Tradple are more worried about the The dollar closed at 1.5702

Deutsche marks, down from from 5.4210. The pound held the rate for all of 1993.

steady at \$1.5605. traders said. "I think it's a fairly

said Frank Pusateri, vice president of foreign exchange sales at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh. The Fed has raised rates six times this year, pushing up the

3 percent in an attempt to prevent inflation from getting started in the economy. Its last tightening move, on Nov. 15, sent the rate up 75 basis points, or threequarters of a percentage point. That action helped turn the currency market from bearish to bullish toward the dollar.

tion numbers that came out last week, we didn't expect the Fed ing is just dribs and drabs. Peo- to move today," said Bob Gruber, senior currency salesman Bt Chemical Bank.

Last Wednesday, the Labor Department announced that 1.5735 DM at Monday's close, consumer prices rose 0.3 per-

The perception now is that The Fed decision had little the Fed will move in January, effect on the market because it said Paul Farrell, manager of had been generally anticipated, strategic currency trading for Chase Manhattan Bank. That's a positive for the dollar safe conclusion that they won't tighten until the next FOMC and should be reflected over meeting, Jan. 31 and Feh. 1,"

## WINDOWS: Delay Hits Stocks

Continued from Page 9 gon for advanced copies of soft-ware, for Windows 95 to more

than 48,000 testers, and that the program would be expanded this spring to hundreds of thousands of customers.

"The broader the group of people we distribute it to, the

#### **U.S. Stocks**

more problems crop np. " Mike Maples, Microsoft's executive vice president, said. While he said the issue was the number of problems, rather than the sever-ity, he did not rule out further

Many analysts still assume Windows 95 will be the most successful operating system of all time. But the delay does pro-

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federal funds rate on overnight bank loans to 5.75 percent from

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and at 100.170 yen, up from t00.115 yen. It also slipped to 1.3280 Swiss francs from 1.3325 and to 5.4140 French francs from 5.4210. The result of the rate for all of 1002

vide an opening for Microsoft's competitors, primarily Interna-tional Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. ■ Most Stock Prices Retreat Stocks declined as Microsoft's announcement pulled down prices of software companies, offsetting a rally hy Intel, Bloomberg Business News re-

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23.55 points to 3.767.15, as losses in such Big Board issues as J.P. Morgan, Alcoa and Bethlehem Steel over-

shadowed a gain by Merck. Declining stocks were about even with advancing ones on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with 325.53

million shares changing hands. Among software issues, Adobe Systems fell 1% to 31%, and Symantec lost 1% to 16 9/16. Stock prices were also hurt by

weakness in American depositary receipts of Mexican companies after Mexico's devaluation of its currency. Teléfonos de México lost 21/4 to 461/4 and led the Big Board's active list with volume of 14 million

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## China Denied Entry to GATT, But Talks to Go On

By Peter Behr

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igion Post Service WASHINGTON - The United States oined Tuesday with other nations to reject China's demands to join the new World Trade Organization next month, when the new global trade body opens its doors in

Negotiations will resume in February but officials said a resolution appeared far off unless China agrees to major compromises.

Beijing trade officials in Geneva made clear that China would make no improved. substantive concessions to allow better ac-

cess of foreign goods and services to its vast markets, Reuters reported.]

The U.S. courtship of China, Asia's new superpower, is being undermined by confrontations over trade rules and practices that U.S. officials say China must follow to create a fair, balanced economic relation-

ship with its trading partners.
In one dispute, U.S. trade officials are preparing to target China with \$1 billion in trade sanctions in retaliation for the piracy American-made films, recordings and software, following a breakdown of talks on the issue last week

Sanctions barring imports of specified Chinese products will be imposed early next year unless China takes immediate action against companies that are illegally copying U.S. compact disc recordings and makes other concrete enforcement com-

mitments, officials said U.S. officials said China had fallen far short of providing specific pledges to open its markets during recent talks in Geneva.

Mexico's New Peso Plunges 13.3% MEXICO CITY (Combined Dispatches) - Mexico's new peso plunged nearly 15 percent against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday. It

was the biggest depreciation in years and came shortly after Finance Minister Jaime Serra Puche announced the government would broaden the official trading range of the new peso. The currency has been slumping in the past few months as fears of renewed rebel activity in Chiapas rattled investors, prompting a flight from Mexican investments. The currency action came a day after peasant rebels launched troop movements that raised the

threat of war in Chiapas. The stock market also was hit, with the IPC index of 37 shares at 2,231.11 points, down 4.15 percent.

The dollar rose to 3.9750 pesos, up from 3.4647 pesos at the close of Monday's trading. Mr. Serra Puche said the exchange rate would be allowed to weaken to 4.0016 new pesos per dollar by the close of Tuesday's trading. He added that the daily slide would continue at 0.0004 new pesos per day.

## Monsanto to Buy Merck's Kelco

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Bloomberg) — Monsanto Co. said it agreed to buy for \$1.08 billion Merck & Co.'s Kelco specialty chemicals business, which is expected to have about \$300 million of sales this year.

Monsanto shares tumbled after the announcement, with some analysts saying the company had shifted its focus to acquisitions from cost-cutting. In late trading, Monsanto was quoted down \$4 per share, at \$68.875, while Merck was up 75 cents, at \$39. "Kelco is a great business but they paid way too much for it," said Paul Raman, chemical stocks analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co.

## Strong Earnings Boost Nike Stock

NEW YORK (AP-DJ) - Shares of Nike Inc. rose on Tuesday after the footwear maker reported earnings that soundly exceeded

Wall Street expectations.

Late Monday, Nike said its earnings in the second quarter ended Nov. 30 were \$84.9 million, or \$1.16 a share, up from \$52.3

million, or 69 cents a share, in the same period last year.

Revenue for the quarter was \$1.05 billion, up 31 percent from \$805.8 million last year. Nike also said its orders for early next year have risen 34 percent to a company record of \$1.95 billion.
The company's stock was up \$5.625 a share, at \$71.625, in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Scott Paper Plans Stock Buyback

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Scott Paper Co.'s chairman and chief executive, Albert Dunlap, said Tuesday that the company will use the proceeds from the sale of nonstrategic assets of approximately \$1.6 billion to repurchase \$300 million of Scott stock and cut corporate deht by \$1.3 billion in early 1995.

Mr. Dunlap said funds for the transactions constitute proceeds from the completion of the \$1.6 billion sale of Scott's S.D. Warren subsidiary and the sale of an energy complex in Mobile, Alabama, for \$350 million. The stock repurchases are expected during the first half of 1995.

Scott added that it has announced plans to divest itself of other nonstrategic assets, including Scott's energy complex in Chester, Pennsylvania; its global pulp operations; approximately 1.5 million acres (600,000 hectares) of timberland and real estate, and certain other noncore businesses. Scott's stock rose 37.5 cents, to \$68.50.

## CBI Turns Down a Bid From Airgas

OAK BROOK, Illinois (Bloomberg)—CBI Industries Inc. said it had turned down an unsolicited, \$1.45 billion acquisition bid from Airgas Inc. for its liquid carbonic unit.

The engineering and construction company said it rejected the offer as not in the best interests of its stockholders. The company

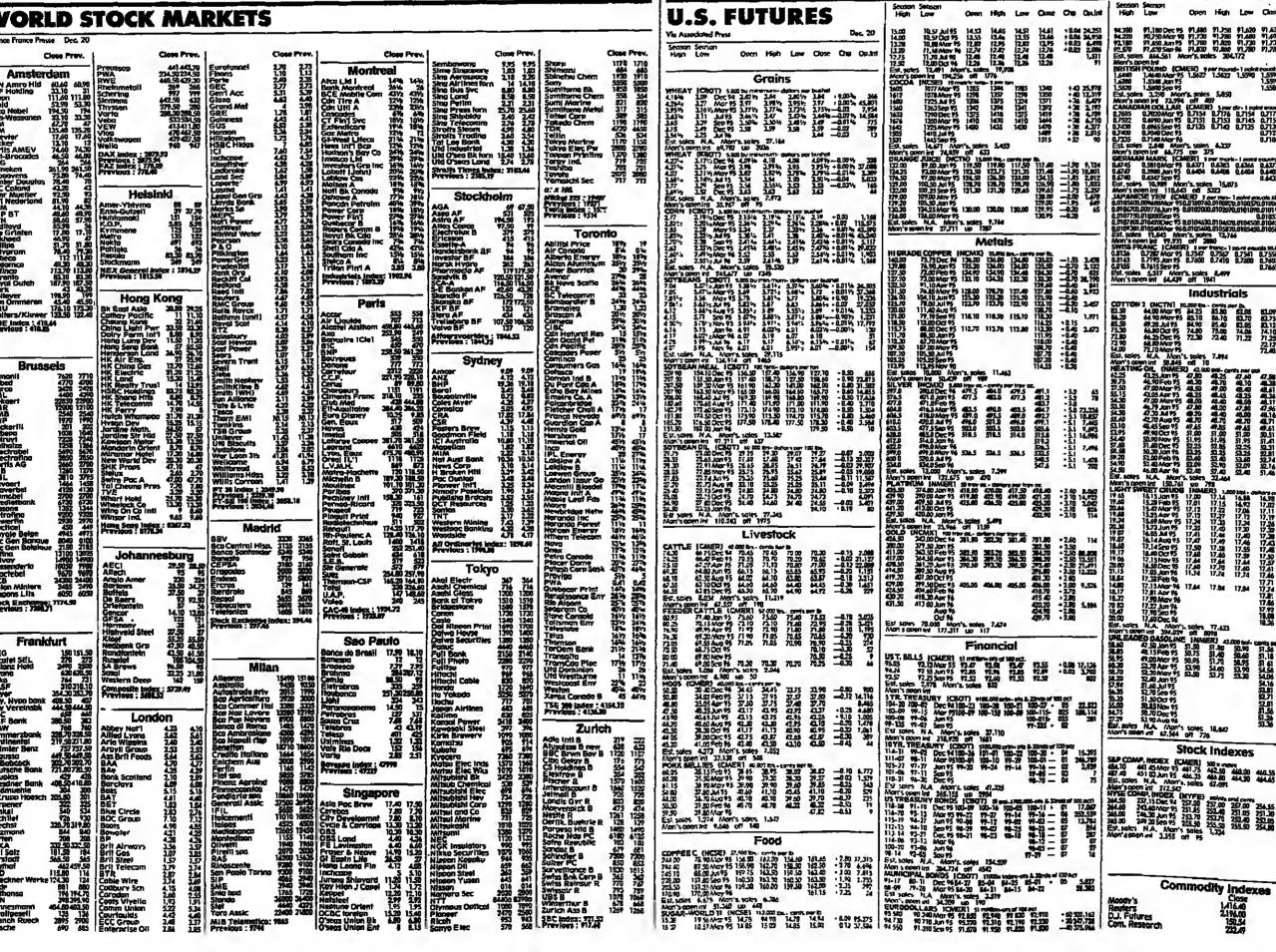
said selling the subsidiary would be inconsistent with its goals.
CBI stock rose \$3.50, to \$26.375.

CBI said Airgas had offered to buy the liquid carbonic unit by assuming all of CBI's outstanding debt and paying the rest of the offer in cash. CBI said it had \$770 million in debt. In an alternative plan, Airgas proposed that CBI spin off its contracting and investment segments in the form of a dividend; after the spinoff, CBI would own only its liquid carbonic unit and would

then merge with Airgas.

Airgas proposed in the second plan that CBI shareholders eccive 19 million common shares in exchange for their common stock. CBI said the merger proposal, based on the current market price of Airgas shares, would result in CBI's shareholders owning ess valuable stock.

## **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**



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the second half due to a buildup in stocks at diamond-cutting centers and concern on the profitability of cutting houses, said De Beers.

"Other factors which served to affect trade

were the outhreak of pneumonic plague in India and continuing evidence of Russian

rough diamonds being sold direct to the out-

The Surat area in western India, where the

plague outhreak was centered, has the world's

largest concentration of diamond processors.

and the disruption there meant stocks had

De Beers said any significant pickup in overall diamond sales depended on the Euro-

pean and Japanese consumer markets. But it

said retail demand in these areas was weak in

local-currency terms, although there were

The full year fall came after the Central

Selling Organization sold a record \$2.6 billion

De Beers said the performance of jewelry

held up well amid the overall market fall, with

retail demand in East Asia staying high and

De Beers said roughly half of CSO dia-

monds go for industrial uses and 12 to 14

percent end up as jewellery. However, in

terms of value the jewellery market accounts

for up to 90 percent of the sales.

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of diamonds in the first half of the year.

side market," the company said.

# Money Growth In Germany Hits Target Range

FRANKFURT - Growth m the money supply slowed in November, falling within the Bundesbank's target range for the first time this year, the German central bank said Tuesday.

The Bundesbank said annual growth of the M-3 measure, which includes currency in circulation and several kinds of short-term and medium-term bank deposits, slowed to 6.0 percent in November from 6.8 percent in October, just reaching the top of its target range of 4 percent to 6 percent.

The Bundesbank uses the money supply to detect signs of inflation and to help guide its management of German interest rates. The M-3 aggregate has been growing above its target range since 1990.

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But economists said the central bank could only claim half a victory, pointing out that there was still enough surplus liquidity in the economy to fuel inflation.

Although money-market funds, which are relatively new in Germany, are just as liquid as the cash and bank deposits that make up M-3, for example, the Bundesbank has not yet included them in its M-3 calculations.

Thomas Mayer, an economist at Goldman, Sachs & Co., said M-3 would have grown at a 7 percent rate in November if money-fund certificates were

Despite heavy speculation early this year that the Bundesbank would abandon its 20year-old practice of setting targets for money-supply growth,

many economists now expect the bank to keep the target range unchanged at 4 percent to

6 percent for 1995. Analysts said the latest figure was unlikely to trigger a cut in interest rates at this week's Bundesbank council meeting.

"If the Bundesbank is going to cut rates again, which I would say is now a 40 percent chance, they will wait for positive signs from the wage round next year." Armin Kayser, an economist at Swiss Bank Corp., said, referring to labor-manage-

ment talks on wage increases. The Bundesbank attributed the slowed growth in November to increased investment in longterm instruments.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP) W VW to Post a Small Profit Volkswagen AG said it expected to report a "small prof-

it" for 1994, after a net loss of 1.94 billion Deutsche marks (\$1 billion) the previous year, news agencies reported from Wolfsurg. Germany. VW said it expected parent-

company sales to reach 42 billion DM, a slight increase from last year, and parent-company profit to rise to at least 100 million DM from 71 million DM in 1993.

The automaker said its SEAT unit in Spain and Skoda operation in the Czech Republic were the only subsidiaries that would not "take part in this positive development,'

The company previously said only a "break-even" 1994 would result from its cost-cutting efforts and improved sales. (AFX, Bloomberg)

## Russia Batters De Beers **Maverick Diamond Sales Squeeze CSO**

piled up.

EU Money Chief Sees Currency Delay

"But there is no majority

Under the Maastricht treaty, a

single currency may be created

at the beginning of 1997 until 1999 only if a majority of EU

member states meet the econom-

ic convergence criteria on infla-

tion, currency stability, interest

rates, debts and deficits.

clause in 1999, so that seems

more realistic," he added.

signs of recovery.

LONDON - De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. on Tuesday reported a fall in sales of rough diamonds through its Central Selling Organization hurt by sales of Russian gems outside its network.

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The South African company said demand in the first half of 1994 was huoyant but that the outbreak of plague in India and sales of Russian gems outside the Central Selling Organization, through which De Beers dominates the world diamond market, had hit revenue in the second half.

But the market for jewelry stayed resilient amid tough trading conditions, said the company. Sales of rough diamonds fell by 2.7 percent, in 1994 to \$4.25 billion, De Beers said.

De Beers has been fighting a running battle against the sales of Russian diamonds, which the industry estimated amounted to about \$500 million in the first half of the year. It has held talks with officials in Moscow over the persistent sales and the renewal of a five-year agreement that expires next year. The current deal commits Russia to sell 95 percent of all its rough diamonds through the Central Selling Organization.

Russia is the world's second-largest producer of diamonds, after De Beers, with a stockoile estimated at around \$5 billion After good demand in the first six months, the Central Selling Organization cut supplies in

BRUSSELS - The Europe- European Union.

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ready before then, the head of

the European Monetary Insti-

"I would say that while I would not rule out 1997 as a

possibility, it does not seem very

plausible because of the majority

clause." Alexandre Lamfalussy

tute said Tuesday.

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## Paris Offers Comptoir A Lifeline

PARIS — The government and the state-owned insurer Assurances Générales de France unveiled a rescue package Tuesday for the real-estate financing company Comptoir des Entre-

Under the plan, announced at a meeting of Comptoir share-holders, bad loans totaling 7 billion francs (\$1.3 billion) will be transferred to a company set up especially for the rescue, and Comptoir will receive 1.2 hillion francs from the state and AGF in the next two years.

The plan could remove a shadow over AGF, which owns 29.7 percent of Comptoir, and clear the way for the long-planned sale of shares in AGF to private investors. Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery has said an AGF sale could go ahead in early 1995.

Analysts said the government's willingness to help Comptoir showed it was doing its utmost to speed the sale.

"The government seems to be moving to privatize AGF be-fore CNP," Derek Elias, an industry analyst at Paribas Capital Markets in London, said before details of the package were revealed.

CNP, or Caisse Nationale de Prevoyance, is the other stateowned insurer due to be sold soon to the public, but analysts said the government had been discouraged by political prob-lems surrounding that company.

Comptoir posted losses of "I find it difficult to imagine 1.05 billion francs in 1992, 825 million francs in 1993 and 348 million francs in the first balf of 1994. Chairman François Lemasson told shareholders that Comptoir's 1994 net loss was likely to be similar to last year's,

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said it would tighten its checks on clients after a U.S. moneylaundering probe led to the arrest of one of its executives. Swiss police have frozen an account allegedly used to funnel drug proceeds and other funds.

• Kirin Brewery Co. said it reached agreement with France's Sanofi SA to acquire Barberet & Blanc SA, Sanofi's Spanish-

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## **GLAXO:** GATT Is a Tonic

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French data revealed mixed signals as manufactured output fell 0.5 percent in October after dropping 0.4 percent in September, while household consumption rose 1.7 percent in November after it had fallen 2.5 percent in October.

· Angle Irish Bank Corp. said it bought the loan portfolio of Irish Business Bank, the Dublin-based subsidiary of Britain's TSB Group PLC for 116 million punts (\$176 million).

Union Bancaire Privée, a major Swiss asset-management bank,

Groupe Danone said it bought 82.6 percent of Bolshevik, Russia's biggest biscuit manufacturer. The remaining stake is held by the company's employees and Russian investors.

based supplier of carnation flowers. • Spain's gross domestic product rose by 2.3 percent in the third

Bloomberg, AP, Reuters, AFX, AFP

## Banknote Firm Bids to Grow

LONDON - De La Rue PLC, the world's leading banknote printer, said Tuesday it was making a friendly bid worth £682 million (\$1.06 billion) for Portals Group PLC. which specializes in paper for

banknotes and passports. a takeover in May, but the deal would allow the development of was abandoned later that world-class anti-counterfeiting month. The concerns reopened techniques.

ing cash and new stock worth £10.50 for each Portals common share, or a full-cash payment of £10.115 pence. De La Rue fell by 16 pence.

De La Rue said it was offer-

to 940, while Portals rose by 59 pence, to 1,024 pence. De La Rue's chairman, Lord

The companies had agreed to Limerick, said the acquisition

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# \*Japanese Car Imports To Cool Torrid Growth

TOKYO - The growth in sales of imported vehicles will slow in 1995 from this year's 49 percent surge but should still show a healthy 15 percent gain. a Japanese trade association said Tuesday.

The Japan Automobile Importers Association forecast that 345,000 imported vehicles would be sold in 1995, breaking this year's record for sales, estimated at 300,000.

and buses have been rising for 13 months, largely because the strong yen makes imported cars mexpensive and because many Japanese dealerships now are selling foreign cars.

"We're seeing more Japanese manufacturers either encourage or allow their affiliated dealers to handle other manufacturers' car lines," said Andrew Blair-Smith, an analyst at the brokerage concern Barclays de Zoete Wedd. As an example, he said, this means "you will see more Fords sold through Nissan

Sales of Japanese cars also percent decline this year. are rising, as the market began to recover this summer from a Corp., Japan's largest automakfrom a year earlier but still acthree-year slump. Consumer er, said it expected a 10 percent counted for only 12 percent of

partly because of an income-tax in Japan - a country that ex-

hased on persistent strong de-mand for recreational vehicles and for inexpensive models. The higher end of the market Motor Co. has sold more imwill remain difficult but is likely to rise along with Japan's economy, the association said. Still, foreign cars, with a 6

percent market share, are rare Chrysler Corp. combined.

#### Sales of imported cars, trucks Nissan Forecasts A Sales Rebound

The Associated Press TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-largest automaker, predicted Tuesday a turnaround in its sales and vehicle production, which have fallen this year.

1.18 million vehicles, after an estimated 4.4 percent decline in 1994 from the previous year. Worldwide production was exto 2.9 million vehicles, after a 7

spending is expected to increase increase in domestic sales in the 269,568 cars imported into next year, the association said. 1995, to 2.24 million vehicles. Japan,

ports about 14 times as many The projection for 1995 is cars as it imports. Moreover, one-quarter of the so-called imports are cars made overseas by Japaoese companies. Honda ported cars in Japan this year than any other company more than General Motors

> Sales of foreign-made Hondas rose 65 percent in the first 11 months of 1994, compared with a year earlier, to 42,876 units. In November alone, Mercedes-Benz AG of Germany led all importers, followed by Honda.

Corp., Ford Motor Co. and

Honda's Accord station wagon, which is enormously popular in Japan, is made only at Honda's factory in Ohio. The company started making the Accord wagon in the United Nissan projected a 12 percent model primarily for the American market. To Honda's surprise, however, its sales took off

pected to increase 10.7 percent. Three American automakers, meanwhile, totaled only 31,017 units in the first 11 months. On Monday, Toyota Motor That was an 83 percent gain

## China to Soak Up Cash With Bonds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING - Seeking to soak up cash that could fuel inflation, the Chinese government expects to increase its bond sales next year by up to 50 percent over the 1994 level, the official China Securities newspaper reported Tuesday.

The State Information Center, an arm of the State Planning Commission, forecast the government would issue a maxiumum of 150 billion yuan (\$17.3 billion) in Treasury bonds next year in an attempt to curb inflation to 10 percent and hold economic growth to 9 percent to 10 percent, the paper said. The nationwide inflation rate was 27 percent in November, while the economy is expected to expand by 11 percent to 12 percent.

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Securities analysts said an issue that large, compared with 100 billion yuan this year and 30 billion yuan in 1993, would depress prices on China's infant securities markets and slow the conomy by curbing consumer spending.

"I think the government will continue to soak up liquidity in ways it sees fit and that will probably depress the stock market," said Elizaboth Cheng, director of China research at James Capel & Co., Asia.

Chinese investors will continue to stash their money in banks rather than speculate on the stock market next year, the information center forecast. In another development, China will issue international bonds in early 1995 to raise some of the \$3 billion in foreign funds it needs to build

the Three Gorges power plant that will dam the Yangtze River, officials said Tuesday. The dam, China's largest engineering project since the Great Wall, will cost 146.8 hillion yuan,

including inflation and interest costs, up from a basic price tag of 90 billion yuan, it was announced at a news conference. China plans to raise 21 percent — or more

than \$3 billion — of that sum overseas and is already in talks with Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. on details of issuing international bonds, the deputy director of the State Council Three Gorges Project Construction Committee said.

Other foreign funds would come from commercial loans. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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# Tokyo Loosens Listing Rules For Foreign Firms

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■ Jakarta Cuts Red Tape

Indonesia, long criticized for excessive red tape, has

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Antara news agency said Tuesday in Jakarta, Reuters

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Stock Exchange announced quired will be lowered to 10 Tuesday new listing requirements for foreign compa-nies, aiming to lure Asian firms to trade their shares in illion yen from the current 100 billion yen. Minimum pretax profit will be cut to 2 million yen for each of the three years before the listing from the current 20 billion.

Tokyo. "We had intended to relax the requirements to make them similar to those on the New York exchange," said the exchange's president, Mitsuhide Yamaguchi. "I helieve the new requirements meet our intention." They will take effect oo Jan.

l, he said. The Finance Ministry sep-arately said it has approved new requirements on corporate disclosure for foreign companies to help them trade their shares here, effective

Current guidelines for the listing of foreign shares focus on industrialized countries' companies, which have been leaving the exchange in recent years partly because of the high cost of maintaining listings, industry sources said. Listings on the Tokyo exchange's foreign section are expected to fall to 91 by January from the December 1991 peak of 127, they said.

No companies from other Asian countries are oow listed in Tokyo. The exchange has not officially barred the listing of Asiao shares, but in the past it has rejected such companies through guidance to Japanese underwriters.

Major points of the new listing requirements for forcign companies are: .

· Foreign companies will be able to trade their shares on the exchange even if they are not traded on exchanges in their home countries.

 Charges for appraising the eligibility of listing will be cut to 1 million yen (\$10,000) from the current 2 million

The initial cost of listing will be lowered to 2.5 million yen from the current 5 million yen, and the remaining cost of listing will be cut according to the number of

## **Calls Reply** To Its Suit 'Ridiculous'

HONG KONG - Lehman Brothers Inc. on Tuesday rejected as "absolutely ridiculous" charges made against it hy a state metals-trading concern in China that Lehman is suing.

\$52 million lawsuit over trading debts "betrays an active imagination but absolutely no understanding of the relevant facts," a spokesman for the U.S. secu-

Lehman last month sued Minmetals International Non-Ferrous Metals Trading Co. and its parent company, China National Metals & Minerals Import & Export Co. in federal court in New York. In a separate suit, Lehman sought \$44 million from an oil-trading company, China United Petroleum Chemicals.

Lehman said the Chinese companies had failed to meet their obligations after running up losses in foreign-exchange and swap transactions.

The number of items that threatened to countersue Lehman, saying it had given the Chinese companies improper advice and had lured an inexperienced employee into improperly risky transactions.

The public exchange of remarks heightened a conflict between Beijing and the New York-based securities firm that some analysis say has helped to erode confidence in the Chinese business system. (Reuters, AFP)

Business News reported.

Industry Minister Tunky Ariwibowo, quoted by An-tara, said Indonesia would also issue more reform packages in line with a free-trade agreement reached by Asia-Pacific nations last month. cubic feet) of gas.

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■ Arco to Explore Off China Atlantic Richfield Co. will explore for oil and gas near China's largest gas field in the South China Sea, Bloomberg

An agreement between the U.S. oil concern and China National Offshore Oil Co. allows Arco to explore a 510-squarekilometer (195-square-mile) area, Block 63-20, which lies 100 kilometers south of Sanya. a city in Hainan Province.

The block is near Yacheng 13l, a huge gas field Arco discovered while searching for oil in 1983. Arco has contracts to pump that field's estimated 100 billion cubic meters (3.53 trillion

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• Legend Holdings Ltd.'s net profit rose 21 percent, to 30.5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$4 billion), in the six months ended Sept. 30. as the Chinese personal-computer maker increased its share of China's rapidly growing market to 8 percent from 7.5 percent.

• Hong Kong's manufacturing industries received 40.9 billion dollars of foreign investment in 1993, up 10 percent from a year earlier, and the number of foreign companies represented in the territory was up 26 percent in mid-1994 from a year earlier.

• Taiwan said it had received a one-month record of \$8.6 billion of business orders from abroad in November.

Reuters, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AP. AFP

#### Seoul Firm Makes Deal With North

SEOUL - South Korea's Ssangyong group said Tuesday that it has agreed to import cement from North Korea, the first direct North-South deal since Seoul lifted a two-year

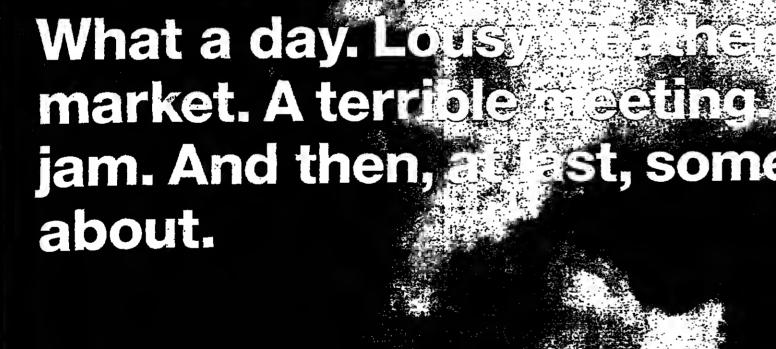
A Ssangyong spokesman said the agreement was reached between the group's vice chairman, Lee Chou-bom, and North Korean officials during his trip to North Korea to discuss economic cooperation. Mr. Lee returned to Seoul or Mon-

day after a five-day visit.

men to visit the North since Seoul banned practically all economic contact with it in late

Scoul last week allowed Ssangyong and five other South Korean companies to visit North Korea. In November, it lifted a ban on business trips to North Korea and allowed local companies to set up offices there.

Pyongyang has rejected Seoul's proposals for talks with the South Korean government to facilitate economic ties but has indicated that it wants pri-He led a 12-person team, the vate-level business contacts first South Korean business- with the South.



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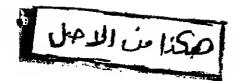
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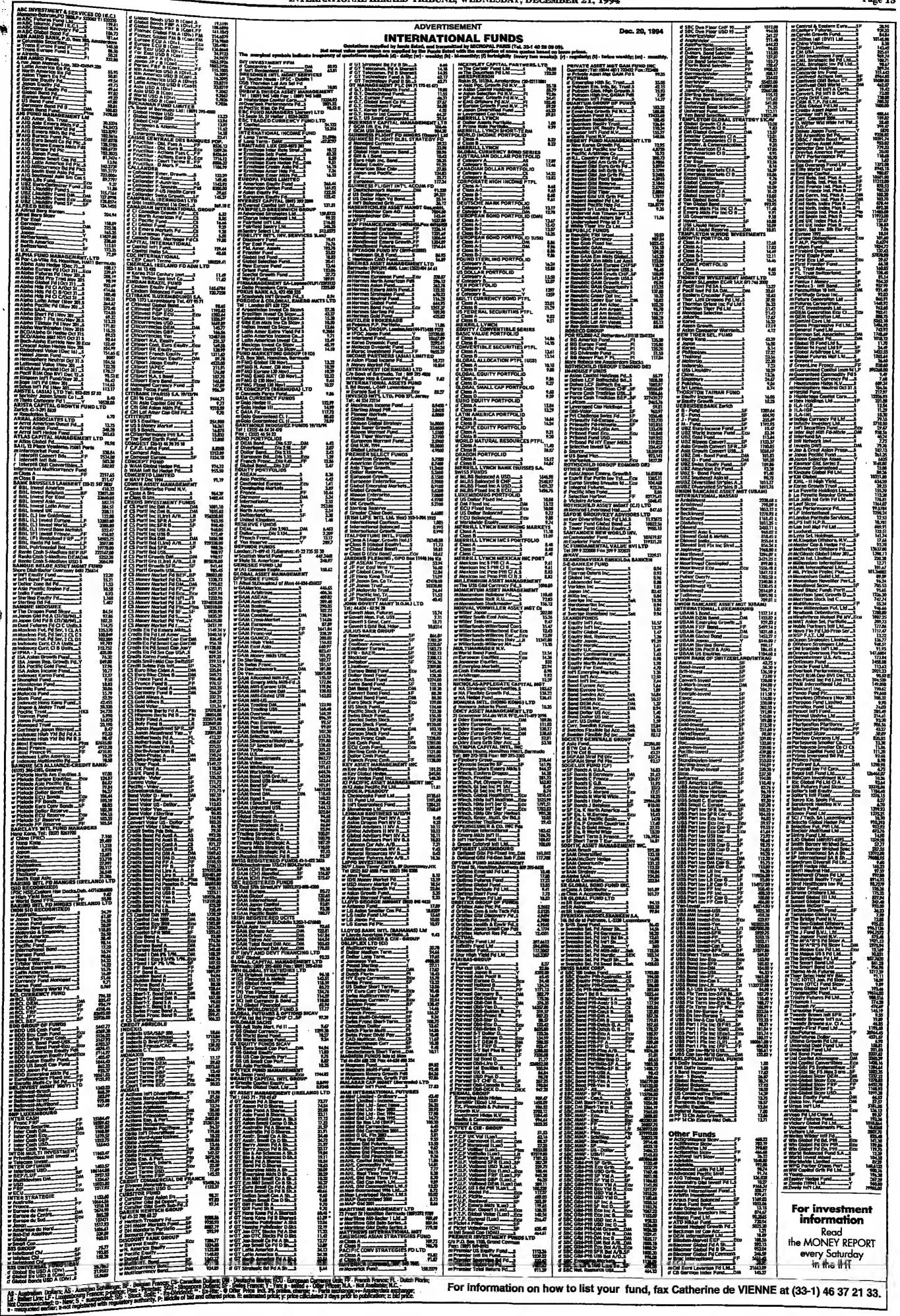
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# **SPORTS**

# Cowboys Win, **But Lose Smith**

NEW ORLEANS — At first giance, the Dallas Cowboys appeared to march merrily to the last two Super Bowls and a 12-3 record this seasoo.

But it's not easy, not even for

Monday night, as the Cowboys beat the New Orleans Saints, 24-16, they saw Emmitt Smith, the league's leading scor-er and the heart of their offense, limp off the field with a pulled hamstring. Then they held off a Saints rally when Darrin Smith grabbed his second interceptioo, stopping a late drive.

Smith went down in the third quarter after slipping oo the Superdome turf and pulling his

left hamstring.
"I really don't know what happened," Smith said. "I saw a big hole and just wanted to get through it. My leg just felt like a grab, a pull, and that's it"

Dallas had already clinched the National Football Confer-ence East title and the second spot in the conference playoffs, behind San Francisco.

lı completes its regular seasoo Saturday against the New York Giants. While the Cowboys are locked into the secood seeding position in the NFC. Saint they could knock the Giants out goal.

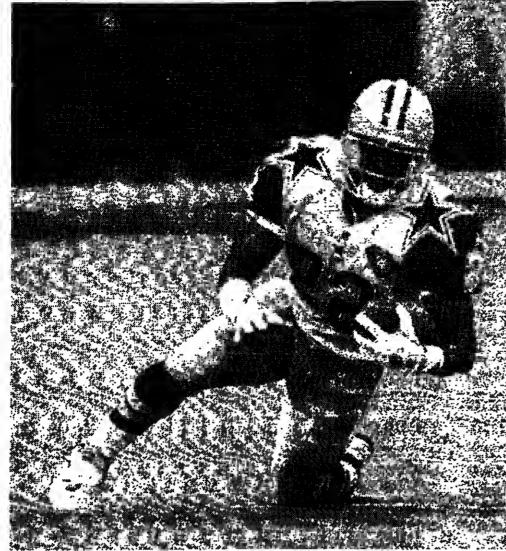
of playoff consideration, just as they did New Orleans on Monday night

While the Cowboys worried about Smith and what his injury might mean to their chances of winning a third straight Super Bowl, the Saints (6-9) ensured their first losing season since 1986 by allowing two interceptions for touchdowns. New Orleans also had a defeosive breakdown to open the secood half that allowed Dallas to keep the football for 8½ minutes.

Darrin Smith intercepted Jim Everett twice in the fourth quarter. He returned the first 13 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-9; the second stopped the Saints' final drive and ended their threat of tying the game. Tony Tolbert's 54-yard inter-

ception return to opened the scoring for Dallas. New Orleans had its chances. In the second quarter Wayne Martin upped Troy Aikman's pass at the Saints' 32 and Darion Conner grabbed it. Conner, a linebacker, sped down the sideline only to find Larry Albert 230 wanted rookies tookle len, a 330-pound rookie tackle

racing along with him. Instead of a touchdown, the Saints settled for a 21-yard field



The Cowboys' running back Emmitt Smith fell to the turf after injuring his hamstring.

## Underdogs Respect Rankings As Top Teams Roll to Victory

Final exams are either going on or have just ended at most campuses. Christmas is less than a week away. There are not supposed to be many good college basketball matchups at this time of December.

There were not any good ooes Monday night as the six ranked teams that played won

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

by an average of 33.8 points. The squeaker of the night was No. 18 Georgia Tech's 94-73 victory over Furman, while the most lopsided was No. 13 Cincinnati's 116-54 dismantling of Cal State Northridge.

"It was good for me," said Cincinnati's coach, Bob Huggins. "I doo't know if it was good for them, but I had fun."

Cincinnati made quick work of the visiting Matadors, setting a school record with 65 points in the first half as the Bearcats took a 36-point halftime lead. Unlike two weeks ago when Cincinnati blew a 20-point lead to Canisius and lost, the Bearcats opened it up even more against Northridge.

Danny Fortson and LaZelle Durden each had 24 points for Cincinnati, which scored the most points in Coach Huggins's

who had 17 turnovers in the first half and 30 in the game. In points to lead the Colonials. a one-minute span, they failed to get past midcourt on four consecutive possessions.

Michael Dorsey had 15 points to lead the Matadors.

No. 9 Duke 99, North Carolina A & T 56: The Blue Devils. playing in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, won their 93d consecutive home game against a nonconference opponent as Chero-kee Parks had 19 points to lead five double-figure scorers.

Duke led by 47-18 at halftime, holding the Aggies to 4-for-26 shooting (15.4 percent). John Floyd led North Carolina A&T with 19 points, all but two in the second half. Duke was without Ricky Price, a freshman forward who sprained an ankle in practice Saturday. Price, averaging 11.8 points, is expected to miss the Blue Dev-

three games next week. No. 14 Syracuse 103, Robert Morris 67: In Syracuse, New York, the Orangemen forced 16 turnovers and beld Robert Morris to 7-for-22 shooting (31 percent) in the first half as they rebounded from being taken to overtime by Princeton. John Wallace's 16 points led six Syracuse players in dooble figures as

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Unrelenting full-court pres-sure intimidated the Matadors, point mark for the first time this season. Gabe Jackson had 20.

No. 18 Georgia Tech 94, Furman 73: In Atlanta, Drew Barry scored 25 points, James Forrest 23 and Travis Best 22 as the Yellow Jackets broke it open at home in the second half. Furman scored the first three points of the second half to close to 43-42, but Georgia Tech scored the next 10 points, with Barry and Best each hitting 3-pointers, leff Sexton scored 18 points to lead the Pal-

No. 22 Virginia 100, VMI 73: Virginia used a 20-3 run late in the first half to take a 51-28 halftime lead and then cruised to the easy home victory in Charlottesville. Harold Deane had 21 points to lead five Cava-, liers in double figures. Lawrence Gullette scored 32 points for the Keydets, who lost their fifth straight. No. 23 Illinois 90, Mercer 66:

In Champaign, Illinois, The IIlini scored the game's first 10 points and led by as many as 36. as they won their fifth in a row. Bryant Notree, a freshman reserve, led five Illinois players in double figures with 15 points. Chance Solomon scored 30 points to lead the Bears.

## A Bit of NFL Playoff Clarity Postseason Lineup Begins to Take Shape

A week ago the National Football League postseason picture was a muddled mess of te-

dious scenarios. But it cleared up

considerably over the weekend. The 49ers, National Football Cooference West Division champions, have home-field advanuage throughout the play-offs. Pittsburgh, which clinched the AFC Central Division by beating Cleveland on Sunday, bas bome-field advantage in the AFC. The Browns and Dol-NFC to have elinehed a benth.

the other four playoff spots could go to teams in the NFC Central Division. There isn't a division champion yet and the Vikings (9-6), Bears (9-6), Lions (9-6) and Packers (8-7) can all make the playoffs by winning their last game.

division title with a victory over San Francisco oo Monday night. They can also clinch the division title if they lose to the 49ers, provided Detriot loses to Bears) and one that test series to provided Detriot loses to be described itself (the New York Giants), one that has dooe almost all its winning behind a backup quarterback (the Cbicago Bears) and one that test series to private the control of the cont Miami and Chicago loses to win despite itself (the Los An-New England. Green Bay can geles Raiders). win the title if it beats Tampa Bay and the Lions, Vikings and Bears all lose.

If all four NFC Central rivals win, all are in, with Minnesota taking the divisioo. If any of

baving the Giants or Cardinals steal away the wild-card berth,

"I would rather be in our situatioo and bave the pressure," the Packers' coach, Mike Holm-gren, said of Saturday's game at Tampa. To be able to go into the last game of the seasoo with a chance to go to the playoffs if we win is good. Not every team can say that."

The Vikings might have the toughest task. They need a final-game victory to finish 10-6 phins are in the playoffs. Dallas and win the division. But that is the only other team in the victory must come against the IFC to have elinehed a berth.

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e other four playoff spots

best team in the league, the
49ers, on Mooday night, after
everyone else has finished.

And if they lose, while the other three Central teams win, they could sink to fourth in the division, and out of the playoffs if Arizona beats Atlanta and Dallas beats the Giants.

Among the group of uncer-

"There's a lot of football left," said the Patriots' coach, Bill Parcells, who worked his miracles in New England much quicker than anyone - including, most likely, himself -

them lose, they're in danger of could have foreseen. "When you've been in the league as loog as I have, you retain that thought. A lot of things can

happen in a short time." The Raiders, Chiefs and Patriots are vying for two wild-card spots in the AFC. Los Angeles and Kansas City play each other. There is still a way for the Patriots to win the AFC East division and a way they can get a first-round bye in the play-offs. New England can clinch the title with a victory over the Bears and a Miami loss to Detroit. The Patriots can even get a bye with a victory over Chica-go and losses by Miami and the

In Minnesota, there was optimistic oews oo quarterhack Marresson Warreo Moon's iojured left Chicoso knee. The Vikings listed him as questionable for the 49ers after a magnetic resonance imaging showed only a strained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Moon was injured when someone fell on his leg to the third quarter of Saturday's 41-19 loss to the Lions.

Chargers, who play Pittsburgh.

Privately, Moon was telling friends he inteods to play Mon-day night. Publicly, he said: "It's an injury that depends oo bow I feel. We're just going to take it day by day and see exactly bow much it tightens up."

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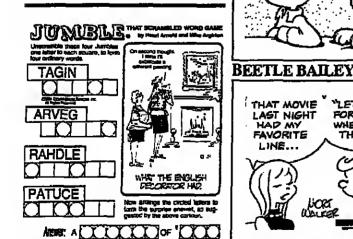
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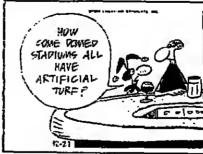








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ONDON — One is black, one is white, but they are two of a ONDON — One is black, one is white, but they are two of a kind — explosive, blessed with quickness, predominantly left.

Emmanuel Amunike and Hristo Stoichkov are 1994 Players of the Year in Africa and Europe, respectively. Both are goalscorers, both have a presence that lifts others and a talent that turns vital

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And, while soccer is a team game, individual brilliance has always stood out. "The game is for artists and artisans," observed Ferene Puskas, the Galloping Major of the marvelous Hungarian "The artists," he added, "are like piano players, the artisans

carry the piano." To my eye, Puskas was a player in excelsis. Others worked for him, as he moved his portly body to finish things with his left foot.

Perhaps because Hungary was overrun by Russians when his form was highest, Puskas never finished higher than No. 2 in France Football's European writers' poll. Puskas is alive and kicking, full of wiles and opinions, in Budapest. His career illustrates how environment, timing and

opportunity determine recognition. Stoichkov and Amunike won their awards because Bulgaria and Nigeria reached the 1994 World Cup.

Amunike first. Born oo Christmas Day 1970, he recites the Lord's Prayer upon taking the field. A pity he does not think so dutifully before signing contracts. For, while his histering speed and intuitive shooting helped Nigeria win the African Nations' Cup in the spring and do well at the World Cup, he handled the ethical side of fame badly.

He began 1994 playing for Zamalek in Egypt. But after be scored both Nigeria's goals in the African Cup final against Zambia, temptatioo came at the double.

His goals proved his poaching instinct from three meters, then his awareness of team play. Nine Nigerian passes set up the chance before Amunike glided into space, controlled the ball with his left foot and scored imperiously with the right from 12 meters. By World Cup time, he had signed contracts with two clubs -Duisburg in Germany and Sporting Lisbon in Portugal.

The mess was not exclusively his handiwork. Clemens Wester-

hof, then Nigeria's coach, took it upon himself to represent Amunike - and, according to the player, Westerhof pressed him to sign for Duisburg or be dropped from the World Cup team.

If true, it demeaned even the dubious work of two-timing agents. But Amunike signed, then regretted it when Sporting Lisbon made a

better offer, and FIFA had to sort out the confusion. Amunike was as stubborn off the field as he is enthralling on it. He refused to set foot in Germany, and eventually Sporting Lisbon paid Duisburg \$2 million compensation so that Amunike

could flow again, which he is doing, with born-again relish. Meanwhile, Stoichkov, 28, might at last be taming the tempest inside him. His talents were always there, often betrayed by spite and hot-headedness. As a youth, he ran 100 meters in 11.1 seconds. He commanded the ball with a caress, stroked it with precision, bludgeoned it with power.

He would shrug, his mother would suffer. This summer, with her son leading Bulgaria's World Cup team with a gunslinger's swagger, Penka Stoichkova was rushed suffered her third heart attack watching Hristo perform.

She is 47. Stoichkov's volatile game is harmful to her health. His wife, Marianna, and their two daughters may be inured to high motion, or compensated for the downside by life on the road with sulgaría's first \$1 million a year star.

The mother has has lived longest with the fragile and frightening talent and temper. While a teenager, Hristo was banned after a brawl between Sofia's top clubs.

His \$3.5 million move to Barcelona followed in 1990 because ment. the team's coach, Johan Cruyff, wanted somebody to put oastiness into a team that was "too nice."

Stoichkov overdid it. He was banned for three months for stamping on a referee's foot, banned time and again for 10 red cards in four seasons.

Some bright philosopher suggested Stoichkov might be suffering the turmoil of Bulgaria's metamorphosis. He was raised under the Communist claim that its use of state funds and subsidies built the framework of soccer success. But when, in the World Cup, Bulgaria beat first Argentina, then Germany there was a oew political system, a oew claim.

Stoichkov, whom Bulgarian oewspapers have proposed as national president, found a neutrality with his diplomatic acceptance of the European Player of the Year trophy Monday in Paris. "I dedicate this honor to Johan Cruyff," he said. "He took me to

Clever. Cruyff sat beside his player. Neither said how often Cruyff had criticized or threatened the Bulgarian, or how Stoichkov in 1992 signed a four-year contract with Napoli even though he was tied to Barcelona until 1994.

Cruyff dealt easily with Stoichkov. It was the month of a European Champions' Cup Final, either Stoichkov showed his commitment to Barcelona or he could forget about appearing in the game of his life.

End of Napoli consense. But, it would seem, beginning of the similarities between Stoichkov and Amunike. Gifted, flawed, and

similarities between Stoichkov and Antonike. Onted, flawed, and only a couple of princes to the real king of 1994.

That, I've said before, is Romário. Not only did the Brazilian win the World Cup for Brazil, he scored two goals for every one Stoichkov netted in the same Barcelona attack last season.

Romário's time will come. South America, surely, will make the store of the Year Theorem will be three thack white him its Player of the Year. Then there will be three - black, white and mulatto. Merry Christmas to all men.

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Alberto Tomba of Italy celebrated his 28th birthday a day late on Tuesday, roaring to victory in Lech, Austria.

## Tomba Romps to 3d Slalom Victory

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LECH, Austria — Alberto Tomba of Italy won his third slalom of the season in rip-roaring style oo Tuesday despite a

Tomba, who turned 28 on Monday, was clearly a cut above the rest, romping home over two legs in a combined time of one minute 44.73 seconds, ocarly a second and a half ahead of the pack. The Italian, who had painkilling injec-

tions before the race, beat Thomas Sykora of Austria, who was second in 1:46.22. Slovenia's Jure Kosir, who emerged as a top contender after coming second in a slalom in Lech two years ago, finished third in 1:46.50.

The victory gave Tomba a clean sweep of the slaloms this season, and it was his fifth in a row after he won the final two of

the overall standings over Michael von Gruenigen, who came in fifth on Tuesday. Tomba kept a firm hold on a slippery course while others slid and crashed out as snow fell. Thomas Fogdoe of Sweden, a winner here two years ago, skied off course in the second run after clocking the

second-fastest time in the opening leg.

This is a great win for me, taking the conditions into account," said Tomba after receiving a belated birthday cake on the finish line.

Conditions on the 180-meter Schlegelkopf run were difficult. A layer of artificial snow and ice was covered overnight and throughout the day with constant spowfalls.

A second slalom is scheduled at Lech oo Wednesday before the men's circuit

last season. He also stretched his lead in moves to Alta Badia in Italy on Thursday for a giant slalom.

Tomba returned to competition Tuesday after dropping out of a giant slalom Sunday at Val d'Isère, France, following the first run because of the rib injury sustained when he ran into a pole before the race in Sestriere, Italy last week. Tomba still complained that his rib

troubled him during the runs. He expects to feel the problem in Wednesday's race.
Tomba, who leads the overall World Cup standings with 350 points, moved within four of Pirmin Zurbriggen for third place on the career victory list.

Ingemar Stenmark is the leader with 86. But Tomba said it was far too early to start thinking about clinching the overall World Cup title which has so far eluded (Reuters, AP)

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# Players Offer New Proposal in **Baseball Talks**

marked a milestone of sorts for the major-league hasehall strike: It was the 131st day, matching the length of the 1994 season, which ended when players walked out Aug. 12.

The players' union staff held a meeting Tuesday, then met with the federal mediator, W. J. Usery. A joint meeting of the union and baseball owners was scheduled later in the day.

On Monday, the players presented representatives of the team owners with a new contract proposal. Even so, the principals on both sides seemed to remain uncertain about whether this latest round of talks would bring sincere bargaining, or merely more posturing for possible litigation.

Union officials, nine players and a scaled-down ownership negotiating team met for about eight hours here Monday.

The union presented a proposal that contained provisions similar to those in the "partnership" and taxation-system plan offered by the players 10 days ago in Rye Brook, New York. But the union revised parts of its plan to make it more closely resemble the revenue-sharing plan to which the owners agreed in January in Florida.

As with the union's previous offer, this plan calls for each side to contribute at least \$30 million over the duration of the agreement to an "industry growth fund."

If the sides move closer on gust. their tax ideas, the acting com-

Compiled by Our Staff From Duputcher missioner, Bud Selig, has said it WASHINGTON — Tuesday would be possible to move the twice-delayed deadline for imposing the owners' salary cap system. If there is oot progress, the owners' executive council will declare an impasse in bargaining and impose the cap, leading to a court fight and the possible use of replacement players next spring.

Last Thursday, the owners authorized the council to declare an impasse and impose the cap on Thursday or Friday.

But the owners apparently have some fears about whether that move could withstand a legal challenge, A management source said that a labor attorney, Lewis Kaden, had told the owners that they could lose "hundreds of millions of dollars" in legal judgmeots.

Sources said the Baltimore Orioles' majority owner. Peter Angelos, told his peers on Thursday that they were about to commit "mass financial suicide."

The union plans to challenge any impasse declaration with the National Labor Relations Board, and accuse management of failing to bargain in good faith. If the NLRB were to issue a complaint against the owners, the union could seek an injunction to keep a salary cap from remaining in effect, and might pursue collusion damages.

The NLRB already has anoounced its intention to issue a complaint against the owners for improperly withholding a \$7.8 million payment to the players' pension fund in Au-

(AP, WP)

## Lendl Quits Tennis, Citing Back Ailment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Ivan Lendl, who once ruled tennis with an iroo will and booming forehand, retired from the sport oo record-tying eight straight years. Tuesday because of a back ail-Tuesday because of a back ail-

"I enjoyed playing the game,

No. 1 ranking for a record 270 weeks, fell out of the top 10 last year for the first time since 1979. He is the tour's all-time career prize mooey leader, having earned more than \$20 million, and was ranked No. 1 in the world eight different years.

"It is never easy," he said when asked about the difficulty this year. of retiring from a sport he once dominated. "It is oot something you deal with every day."
"It's a very difficult and sad

time for me and oot the way I would have chosen to retire," Lendi added. "I am sure I'll miss the game I love."

He said his ooe regret was

never having won Wimbledon. But the native of Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, now ranked 54th by the ATP Tour, said he made his decision after his doctor told him his back would not

get any better.

"After the U.S. Open, I've had more and more problems," he said.

Lendl won the U.S. Open in 1985, '86 and '87, and was run-nerup in 1982, '83, '84, '88 and '89, reaching the title match a

round of the 1994 Australian Open, where he lost to the evenhad a lot of great times, and I will miss it," Lendl, 34, said in the French Open, where he had won three titles, he was a firstannouncing his retirement.

Lendl, who held the world's round loser to Arnaud Boetsch. He skipped Wimbledon, then was forced to retire during his second-round match at the U.S. Open in September.

And, after being the only man to win at least one tournament crown every year from 1980 through 1993, he failed to win an event on the ATP Tour

(AP, Reuters)

■ Edberg Splits With Coach Stefan Edberg announced on Tuesday that he was splitting up with his coach of 11 years, Tony Pickard, Reuters reported

from London. "We have had a great relationship over the years, right from the time we met in 1983," said Edberg, winner of 40 titles, including six Grand Slams.

This year, like every year we've sat down and reviewed the future, and I feel now it is perhaps time for me to go on on my own," the 28-year-old Swede added.

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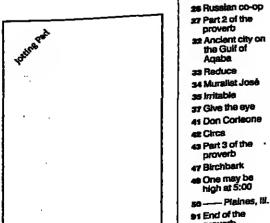
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#### **OBSERVER**

## **Building Up Newt**

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Poor Newt Gingrich. Washington is giving him the buildup. It's unprecedented for a mere congressman to get the buildup. Until now, the buildup has always been reserved for presi-

"We build 'em up because it's so much fun to knock 'em lows the classic pattern. After down," as nobody ever says in years of being widely regarded Washington. It's a sly little city. as a bit of a nit, he astonished They don't talk plain there.

letting the poor guy know what's been done to him until he reads it in the newspapers.

Remember that, Newt Gingrich, you surpassingly brilliant philosopher and master of politics whose excellence in everything from bowling, both tenpins and duckpins, to the conjugation of irregular Persian verbs has not been seen in Washington since the last mug who got the buildup.

This, come to think of it, was Bill Clinton.

What a magnificent president-elect he was just two years ago! Had there ever been a president-elect with such an extensive knowledge of every-thing governmental, depart-mental, elemental, supplemental, incidental, temperamental, sentimental, endodental and fundamental?

No president-elect can escape the buildup, even though be's been around long enough to know what they're building him up for.

Remember Jerry Ford becoming president even as heli-coptered Nixon rose from the White House lawn? Ford had been in Washington forever, had seen 'em built up, seen 'em knocked down, but even he couldn't stop the buildup artists from doing it to him.

What a superb president he was, this amazing Ford. He even made his own toast! The old-timers said Jefferson was

the only president who could do it all - write a declaration, design a university, invent a politi-cal party — but could Jefferson make his own toast?

After that, Jimmy Carter. Carried his own suitcase! Made the bed after a superb night's sleep! Mister Fantastico!

The Gingrich buildup folall bumanity, including most A lot of the sport lies in not likely himself, by winning the lottery.

Becoming speaker of the House is truly a big deal, but Washington has never before laid on a buildup for a speaker.

The explanation for the Gingrich buildup is obvious enough. The indispensable president has been knocked down too fast. But meanwhile, what about the next two years? Where's the story? No use continuing the Clinton knock-

So Gingrich takes the fall. It's as though everybody had said simultaneously, "Let's make Gingrich it!" Since the election he's been lathered in the fatuous praise of columnists and interrogated with the aggressive sincerity of our gravest correspondents about matters on which they usually examine

only presidents. Gingrich the man is analyzed with a thoroughness that only presidents must normally endure. His divorce from his ailing wife, his tastes in literature, the hitherto unappreciated acuity of his philosophical and the-oretical thought, his college-lad urge to be a famous writer of raunchy best-selling fic-

Even without Clinton, the story can go on. Come on, everybody, let's do a Clinton on good old Newt! You too, Rush. Cheerleading is for wimps.

New York Times Service

# The New Political Weather Vane: The Best-Seller List

By David Streitfeld Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — You don't need a weatherman to tell you which way the wind is blowing. A copy of the best-seller list will do just fine. Take "Guns, Crime, and Freedom," brought out by Regnery Publishing. Once you know the book was written by Wayne LaPierre, the bead of the National Rifle Association, you can easily guess its message. (Sample sentence: "Clearly, the Warsaw ghetto stands in history as a shining example of the dangers of

gun control." What no one reckoned on was the message's popularity. Regnery started with around 20,000 copies last summer and now has 10 times that number in print. The biggest success in the publisher's 47-year history, "Guns" recently spent two weeks on The New York Times best-seller list - an unusual place to find such a partisan look at such a hot-button issue. HarperCollins just bought paperback rights for a significant six-figure sum. This is about freedom. Not crime,

not hunting, not recreation. Freedom. And people don't want to lose it," declares LaPierre. He adds that people are totally fed up with the misreporting of this issue in the na-tional media."

His hand is sore. He's done 82 book-signings in the past few months, all over the country with the exception of a few gan-control strongholds like the District of Columbia and New York City.

One man's truth, of course, is another fellow's propaganda, but the prevalence of conservative/libertarian/right-wing/Republican truth on the best-seller list these days is over-whelming. Meanwhile, Democratic propaganda is about as fashionable as a panhandler at a picnic.
"For some reason, liberals are no

longer able to talk about the world around us in a way that really gets people in their guts," says John Sterling, editor in chief at Houghton Mifflin. But conservatives sure can. It's happening in Washington in Congress, and it's happening nation-ally on the best-seller lists."

Sterling successfully published one of the last unabashedly liberal books,

Al Gore's "Earth in the Balance."
"Was that only in 1992?" he asks. "It

seems like a decade ago."
The tide has turned, the editor says. "If you were a publisher who just wanted to pick winners, you'd say: Let's sign up people who have great TV programs"—a reference to the buge success of books by comics Tim Allen, Paul Reiser and Jerry Seinfeld — "and conservatives who have terrific media profiles."

And if you got a conservative with a terrific media profile and a popular radio and TV program, you could clean up. Which is exactly what Simon and Schuster has done with

Rush Limbaugh. Says Adam Bellow, editorial director of the Free Press: "The liberal monopoly on public debate bas weakened. I'm always being asked, What manipulative magic did you use to create this audience for conservative books? But the audience bas always been there. It's just that before, conservative ideas were walled off in a ghetto."

Consider some further evidence: William Bennett's "Book of Virtues," a compendium of moralizing fables, has been on The New York Times list for nearly a year. Dan Quayle's book was a bigger hit than anticipated. Richard Nixon's last book spent four times longer on the list than Jimmy Carter's. Barbara Bush has racked up 14 weeks and counting for her latest, vs. 0 and falling for Rosalynn Carter. The massive popularity of the No. 1 fiction best-seller "Politically Correct Bedtime Stories" underlines the rapid progression of political correctness from bberal mantra to joke. Then, of course, there's the charttopping nonfiction offering by Pope John Paul II - not exactly anyone's

idea of a leftist. Still not convinced? Check out the fate of Mr. Anti-Family Values him-self, Marion Brando. His \$5 million, heavily hyped, years in the making autobiography arrived with a clunk in September. Even slashing the price 50 percent hasn't helped resuscitate it. No one wants to hear Brando's opinions about the fate of the Indians. No one wants to read Peter Manso's

weighty biography of him either. Instead, they want "The Bell

THE conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy bas

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ain's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, claim-

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Curve," Charles Murray and Richard Hermstein's 845-page opus on "intelligence and class structure in American life." Tonted on its dust jacket as "certain to ignite an explosive controversy," the book was at-tacked by most of the mainstream media as an ill-mannered, ill-conceived, statistically flawed, cryptoracist manifesto. There are now 400,000 copies in print, the biggest success in the Free Press's five decades. (Sample sentence: "The average validity in the meta-analysis of the GATB studies was .45.") Bellow says: "All you really need to get a book going — at least, a conservative book — is for the journalistic estab-

lishment to denounce it." If you talk to the mavens of the New York publishing world, they say "The Bell Curve" is this year's great unread best-seller, following in the footsteps of Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time," Allan Bloom's "The Closing of the Ameri-can Mind," Paul Kennedy's "Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" and the novels of Umberto Eco.

Adam Bellow, the 37-year-old son of Nobel inureate Saul Bellow, rejects

such assertions. "I don't deny that people bought the book because it was controversial, and I don't even deny that some people bought the book just because they agreed with what they thought was in it, but a sizable number bought it because they wanted to make up their own minds." Bellow himself is the best proof of the conservative ascension in publishing: He's the hottest editor in New York.

"Strange Justice," the book on Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill by Jane Mayer and Jill Abramson, was released in early November in a fireburst of publicity. With 115,000 copies in print, it spent three weeks on the best-seller list. As Houghton Mifflin's Sterling, the book's editor, points out, this is an achievement in itself. "It's very hard to get any book of substance onto the best-seller list."

Because the book concludes that Anita Hill was telling the truth about Clarence Thomas, it's perceived as "liberal." That's opposed to the "conservative" approach of David Brock, who penned "The Real Anita Hill" 18 months ago. Brock's book,

**PEOPLE** 

which attacked Hill and supported Thomas, was an unexpected success. If "Strange Justice" is lucky and sells 70 percent of its print-run, the net sale will be about 80,000 copies significantly under the 115,000 achieved by "The Real Anita Hill."

As it happens, "The Real Anita Hill" was edited by Bellow. And it. like "The Bell Curve," was attacked on publication, which as usual only helped. Once again, some people read it to see what all the noise was about, while for others it offered a point of view they found sympathetic and which hadn't received much air time by the mainstream media. Pozens Hur pricehond

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"Strange Justice," in Bellow's view, suffered in the marketplace from the fact that "it just confirms ruling prejudices. People don't really need it." After "Strange Justice" received its generally approving nods in the me-dia, in other words, there was nothing left to say and nowhere for it to go.

Last spring, Crown Publishers ran ads for "Lethal Passage: How the Travels of a Single Handgun Expose the Roots of America's Gun Crisis." National Rifle Association members were offered a \$2 rebate if they sent in the receipt for the book and a copy of their membership card. The number of responses, says the publicist Andrew Martin, was "fewer than

"That showed us that no NRA members were interested in looking at a book that took careful aim at the business of guns in America," says Martin. (Either that, he concedes, "or

they didn't need \$2.")
"Lethal Passage," by Erik Larson,
a Wall Street Journal reporter, got good reviews and some attention during the crime bill debate, but it sold only modestly. People who hate guns don't want to read about them because they know they already hate them," says Larson. "They're delighted a book like mine, a critical book, came out, but they don't really feel they have to go out and read it. Whereas one thing that characterizes people who love guns is that they love to read about them. Especially after the last few years, they need to read something that reinforces their belief that owning a gun doesn't make you a homicidal maniac."

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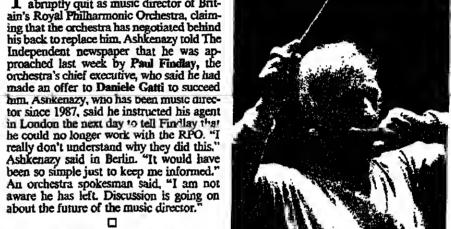
An orchestra spokesman said, "I am not aware he has left. Discussion is going on

The Moscow poet, singer and author

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about the future of the music director.



Ashkenazy quits Royal Philharmonic.

the artistic director and principal conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra, re-

ceived the honor from Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger in Paris, Levine met Pope John Pand II after a ground-breaking trip to Poland in 1987, when he was a guest conductor with the orchestra.

Roman Polanski is suing Paris Match for 150,000 francs (\$27,000) in damages over, photos it published of him and his wife. The director and his wife, the actress Emman-uelle Seigner, claim Paris Match used the photos without their consent.

Rodney Dangerfield gets no respect from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The academy won't let the comedian be a member because he lacks "enough of the kind of roles that allow a performer to demonstrate the mastery of the craft." Branch executive committee, wrote.

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Princess Diana will visit Japan as a charity ambassador in early February, Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday. The trip will be her first major overseas tour since she announced she was cutting back on

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